

# The Journal

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## North Checking Out

### Recycling schedule

In observance of the holidays, the El Cerrito Recycling Center hours will be:

Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to noon  
Dec. 25: closed  
Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to noon

Jan. 1: closed  
Curbside recycling service will be:

Dec. 24: normal service  
Dec. 25: no pickup  
Dec. 31: normal service  
Jan. 1: no pickup

Put out recycling on the same day as normal pickup the week following the holiday. The center apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have more recyclables than will fit in your buckets, sort and put them out in paper bags or boxes. Material can be brought to the center, 7501

Amador Lane, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Details: 215-4350.

**Pool holiday hours**  
The Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave., will have a holiday schedule during winter break Dec. 21 to Jan. 4.

Lap swim will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30 a.m. to 7:55 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon to 12:55 p.m.; Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday (Dec. 31 only) 2:30 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday 2 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.; Friday 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Saturday hours: 6:30 to 7:55 a.m., 2:30 to 1:25 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. Sunday hours: 1 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

The pool is open Thursday Jan. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. for lap swim.

Recreational swim will be Saturday and Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

The pool will offer a complete schedule of adult classes as well as swim team workouts for both the Blue Dolphins and Masters teams. There will also be synchronized swimming classes and drop in classes times. Details: 559-6640.

**Turkeys needed**  
Turkeys, hams and chickens are needed to complete the hundreds of holiday baskets distributed to needy families by the Contra Costa Food Bank.

Each year, member agencies of the food bank submit names of county residents eligible to receive holiday baskets. The food bank does its best to ensure that every family receives a basket. Every month the food bank provides food to more than 80,500 people. Children in poverty, homeless families, low-income seniors, and others receive free meals and food baskets through several food bank programs, and a network of 125 local charities. Details: 676-7543.

**Crisis lines**  
To make it even easier for people in crisis to receive needed help, the Contra Costa Crisis Center has implemented new "800" numbers. The toll-free numbers, which are accessible 24 hours a day from anywhere in Contra Costa County, are:

Crisis and Suicide: 800-833-2900  
Crisis Counseling: 800-837-1818  
Homeless Hotline: 800-808-6444

The center serves as the first point of contact in the county's network of care. In addition to crisis and suicide lines, the center operates the county-wide 24-hour homeless hotline, youth runaway line, crisis counseling line, and mental health hotline.

**Basketmaking 101**  
Learn about the history of basketmaking and then try your skill at making yourself at the Tilden Park Nature Center on Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations required and should be made by calling 525-2233 today. The fee is \$5 and the class is for ages 6 and up (kids under 8 need to bring an adult to help).

**Carson on senior issues**  
Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson will speak on issues affecting the senior community at the Albany Senior Center 846 Masonic Ave. at noon, on Friday Jan. 5.

## Albany school project spurs EC street closure

■ In the last meeting of the year the council resumed televising its sessions.

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — With a television camera rolling and the public speaker timing lights turned off, the city council took care of business last Monday night. They agreed to close a city street because of safety concerns and to discuss future telecasting of council sessions at their next meeting.

The council voted unanimously to close Behrens Street where it crosses over Cerrito Creek and becomes Spokane Avenue in Albany. The move was necessitated by the



The council will discuss aspects of televised meetings on Jan. 5.

planned Albany Middle School construction and the increased traffic predicted to follow.

The time line varies depending on who you talk to, but the school is scheduled to be built sometime in the next one to three years on the old Hill Lumber site on the El Cerrito-Albany border.

Several El Cerrito parents complained that because of the nearby Harding School, tennis courts and Cougar Field, the area already has more than its share of traffic. It's estimated that the school will generate more than 1000 "vehicle trips

per day" to the area as parents drop off and pick up their kids.

Janet Abelson, who recently ran for city council and is President of the Harding School PTA, said she has seen many "near misses" between pedestrians and autos in the area. "Many people who drive

through that area are not child-friendly," she said. "How many children do I want to get hit? The answer is zero."

Some people thought closing the public right of way would be precipitous at this time. Evan Flavell, chairman of Albany's Transportation and Safety Commission, argued for a wait and see approach. Calling the street closure a "substantial and significant act," Flavell urged the council to hold off closing the street until after the school is built and actual traffic flow problems can be studied.

Councilmember Larry Damon seemed to speak for the council when he said "I want to assure you this is not done lightly," shortly before he and the others voted to

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## Future University Village?



Designs for the renovated complex tentatively put athletic fields at the west side of the project during its second phase. Youth sports officials, however, want a firmer university commitment to playing fields.

## Fate of athletic fields dominates discussion

By James Carter

ALBANY — An often contentious discussion concerning plans to replace existing athletic fields now leased to youth athletic leagues dominated Monday's public presentation of three proposals to redevelop University Village.

All three redevelopment proposals presented by the University of California for its Albany student housing complex call for a strip along San Pablo Avenue to be razed and leased to major commercial developers. Only the Gill Tract would be spared. Tom Lollini, the university's director of Physical and Environmental Planning, said current state law mandates that

student housing be "self-sustainable," hence the need to lease that land. He said proceeds from the leases would be used to help subsidize rents in the village.

Proposals submitted by developers would level baseball diamonds that have been home to the Albany Little League for 50 years, and in 1999, reclaim half the area currently leased by the Berkeley/Albany Girls Soccer League.

While all three redevelopment proposals also include tentative designs for new athletic fields in Dowling Park, located on the western strip of the village there is still considerable skepticism among youth sports organizers.

Lou Williams, representing the Al-

bany/Berkeley Girls Softball League, questioned whether the university is truly committed to rebuilding the fields. He said the community was promised a survey back in July providing the dimensions of Dowling Park so the leagues could determine if it is large enough for their needs. However, according to Williams, the survey was never done.

If the university does, in fact, lease Dowling Park to the youth leagues, "who is going to pay for the development," Williams asked. "And is the university going to charge full market price?" According to Williams, these questions, though posed before, have never been answered.

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## Re-use -- the ultimate recycling

Local author writes the book on getting most out of what you buy

By J.R. Deaton

KENSINGTON — If you want to use old pantyhose in a way that doesn't get you in trouble with either your significant other or the local police, you might want to get a copy of Kathy Stein's book, *Beyond Recycling A Re-user's Guide*.

The 165-page guide lists more than 330 practical ways to save money while protecting the environment by re-using household items. Stein's book points out that re-use uses less energy and takes less time than recycling. Re-use means the use of products in their original form for their intended or another practical purpose. Returning a soda bottle to be refilled or replacing disposable paper towels with cloth ones are prime examples of reuse.

Stein, 48, has lived in Kensington for

15 years and describes herself as an "enthusiastic recycler." She became interested in recycling when she and her husband moved to Kensington and discovered the city didn't offer curbside recycling services. More recently she began to focus on re-use as the next step beyond recycling. Or as she puts it: "I thought maybe it was time to move on up the waste management hierarchy to re-use."

The book is filled with novel ideas about how to use old things in new ways. Stein suggests using outdated maps to wallpaper a child's room. She suggests recycling the daily newspaper by leaving it at the restaurant for another to read and says to use both sides of writing paper when you can. Donate your old things to a worthy cause so your old jacket or computer will be used by another instead

of taking up space in a landfill. Stein says cotton coffee filters and canvas grocery bags work as well or better than their paper counterparts and are much easier on the environment. And yes, pantyhose can be used to bundle newspapers, strain paint and make stuffed animals and other crafts.

Stein's fundamental point is that we should all try to be aware of the products we use everyday. She said we should try to re-use what we can and that we should try to buy things that last and won't have to be thrown out right away. Although she praises the effort society has made to make recycling commonplace, Stein says that recycling is the least efficient way to reduce solid municipal waste.

"Recycling crushes it and breaks it into tiny little bits and then re-makes it into a

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Kathy Stein's is the author of *Beyond Recycling A Re-user's Guide*.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Albany needs more and better fields

Editor:  
Clara Rae Genser's Article in *The Journal* was on the spot. This is a town in which children have become our cottage industry. In the 20 years we have lived here the town has changed from a town of mostly retired people to a town of families who want their children in the Albany School system. Our schools are overcrowded and our property values have risen. This affects even people without children.

This summer we watched the Albany Little League play in their district tournaments in Antioch and Pittsburg. It became apparent that these towns had made a major commitment to the children of their towns. The ball fields were spectacular and in much better condition. They were also much more numerous than ours.

This town needs more fields that are in better condition, not less. In this day when juvenile crime is up because there is nothing to do, we need to give our youth more avenues to stay out of trouble, not less.

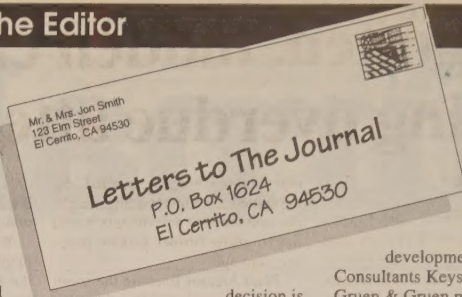
Last of all, if you asked the voters of Albany whether they would rather have a parking lot or a little league field, I'm sure you won't have trouble guessing which way they'll jump. I wonder how much business any commercial establishment will be getting if they are known as the obstacles of youth sports. I know we'll never shop there, and many of our friends won't either.

Ann Gavey  
Albany

### Zoning code with no backup

Editor:  
When I recently reported a zoning ordinance violation to the Albany Planning Department, the response was that Albany has no code enforcement program due to lack of funds. A code enforcement program would not require the city to actively search for violations. It could be a set of procedures describing how reports of violations will be handled. Currently, if you inform a building inspector or the person at the planning desk of a violation, nothing need be done or recorded. If you write an anonymous letter, nothing need be done. Only when you put your concern in writing with your name and address will it even be looked at. Whether anything will be done is totally at the whim of the Planning Director.

The zoning code protects the quality and pleasant atmosphere of our city. It enhances property values by assuring that the lot next door won't sprout a 10-story office building or an auto junk yard. This protection is threatened when the code is not enforced. It is even worse when the Planning Department itself violates the zoning ordinance. When a



decision is made "over-the-counter" with no public notification, it may be too late to appeal the permit by the time the neighbors see a 40-foot second story addition or 15-foot fence being built. Sadly, when city employees inadvertently approve permits that violate the ordinance, Albany appears unwilling to correct the violations.

The lack of a code enforcement program is a serious problem. The Albany City Council needs to address this situation.

Glen Elder  
Albany

### A blot on city's record

Editor:  
It was a shame that wealthy Larry Damon was able to buy his way onto the El Cerrito City Council. His sponsor, the ultraconservative manager of our "progressive" chamber of commerce must be delighted.

Worse than that, only Mark Friedman among city council members refused to join him in denying Norman LaForce the mayoralty he so richly deserved. That is a terrible blot on the council's fine record. I hope the mayoralty will redeem itself.

Dan Freudenthal  
El Cerrito

### El Cerrito and open government

Editor:  
We should welcome the interest of the "First Amendment Project and Coalition" attorneys in El Cerrito's council and city hall practices — see Norman LaForce's "Unsanctioned Meeting" claims, *Journal*, Dec. 11. Here is my partial list of recent violations of the Brown Act and similar Open Government rules, they may wish to also consider:

- Secret 1996 meeting between a council majority and selected residents, as a kick-off for the Proposition H campaign.
- Mayor Jellison's curtailment of public TV broadcasts of council meetings, with residents denied public comment first.
- Many cases of interrupting and interfering with public comments via a "three minute rule," often even before the three minutes were up.
- A secret October 1997 meeting called by megatheater developer Oewel with residents he hoped would support his massive Del Norte plans, including BART real estate managers. Note that BART promoted the El Cerrito project,

without competitive bidding.  
• Seemingly secret or suppressed consultants reports on Plaza

development issues. Consultants Keyser/Marsden and Gruen & Gruen must have produced some written material for the tens of thousands of dollars they were paid. Where are these reports?

• Seemingly secret interactions with other agencies. For instance residents attended a Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting regarding the financing of a Measure C Parking Garage on Plaza property, with no prior public notification of this action to concerned El Cerritans. There they were told by an authority member that he discussed the issue with Mayor Jellison, and will not second guess our council.

• Weekly staff reports included in councilmembers' packages are made public only selectively. Why are not all reports that are not confidential, given to the public and the press?

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

### What's next for the council?

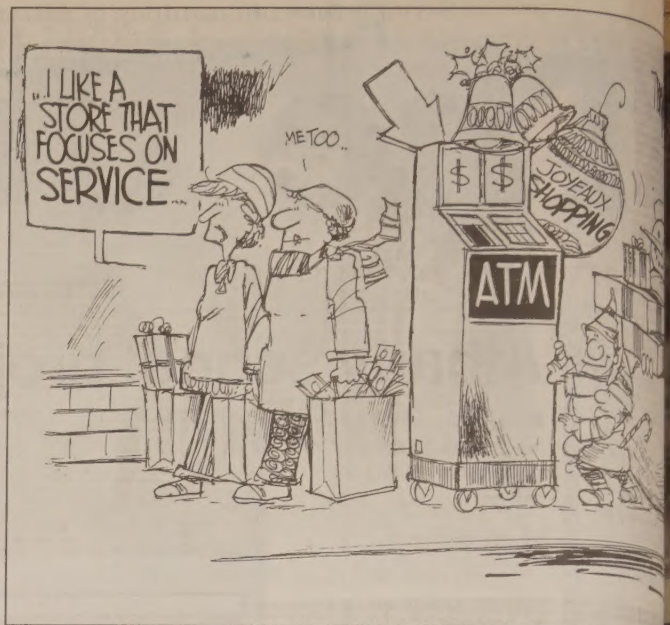
Editor:  
Regarding the LaForce "rudeness" and his "snubbing" by the council majority: It's nice to be nice but did you have to throw a hard-working teammate to the wolves? Where were you during the hot pursuit? Was it his personal politics that made him fair game? Or did your personal ambitions keep you from timely intervention by private rebuke if necessary?

Are you now going to take orders from a cadre of perpetual dissidents, and who will be the next target for public humiliation? What about "rude" disrespect for the Brown Act? Its intent is to prevent secret deals. Secret deals violate the public's right to know. Secret deals undermine public confidence in the dealers when they are exposed. Doesn't this episode tend to undermine faith in and hope for good government?

Art Schroeder  
El Cerrito

### What do you think ...

about the direction of the reconfigured City Council? We'd like to hear your thoughts. Write us at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; fax your thoughts to 339-4066; or e-mail us at hillsnews@aol.com



## Around Town

### Sometimes a floatation device is where you find it

LAST SATURDAY the author of this space had the unique experience of taking an hour stint ringing the bell at the Salvation Army kettle outside Longs at the Plaza. And while the center came nowhere near the activity it knew when the Emporium (Capwell's to us purists) was open, things were still relatively bustling Saturday with the attractions of the Farmer's Market, Santa's Village, and spaces used by the Delancey Street Christmas tree lot and the El Sobrante Art Guild.

Sunday, by comparison, would have figured to be quiet. The El Sobrante artists were still there, but both the courtyard produce tables and Santa had packed and left until Tuesday, and even the kettle bell-ringers were gone.

So why were almost 100 people lined up along the inner courtyard before 10 a.m. on a cold, threatening day? Beanie Babies. These stuffed beanbag animals are the nation's hottest collectible and Betty's Hallmark had informed the 450 people on its list that its shipment for the season, some 750 Beanie Babies in all, had arrived and would go on sale Sunday, limit six to a customer. That's an improvement, mind you, from the shipment the store got earlier this year, when sales were a strict one to a customer.

The line stretched from the table set up outside the front door of Betty's back to the former Juice House, and a security guard handed out numbers to those in line so that they could leave and come back, a godsend for collectors who would have otherwise been stuck in place when a downpour hit at 11 a.m. Then again, the entire lot was sold out two hours and 20 minutes after the sale started.

"People in the community are hot to have them," said Barbara Maiss, manager of Betty's. How hot? The store's list includes people in the 707, 916 and 415 area codes, from such far flung locations as Vacaville, Fairfield and Stockton. "Kids love 'em and they all collect 'em," Maiss said. "We have a lot of adult collectors, too. They're hotter than heck now, because of Christmas."

This shipment will probably be the last of the year, she said, although there is still hope that the much-anticipated "Princess" Beanie Baby, a tribute to Princess Diana, will arrive before Christmas. Stores that receive Beanie Babies — and as the people in line would have told you there are few in the area — are limited to 12 each of the Princess doll. If it is in time for Christmas (and maybe even if it arrives later), Maiss said she would like to reserve one and make it the prize in some sort of raffle to benefit the Firemen's Toy Drive.

**LIFE RAFT:** Beanie Babies have been a boon to the Hallmark outlet, which has seen a lot of neighbors disappear the past few years. Woolworth, Kids Mart, Juice House and Toy Symphony have all called it quits. Betty's and its neighbors — Walden Books, Kit & Kaboodle, McPhee's Junior Bootery, See's — each have a specialized clientele they have worked hard to maintain.

The days of a casual customer strolling through other shops and stopping to buy a greeting card are gone.

"You know the state of the Plaza," Maiss said. "It's been very hard to keep afloat. But we're sore losers. We're determined to keep Betty's Hallmark alive. Our customers are very devoted and loyal to us. We have a lot of customers who come here and are very loyal and want Betty's Hallmark to survive. We're not a destination spot. Our customers make it a destination spot."

Survival is why there were two tables set up Sunday. The second was the cash register and display of Beanie Babies. The first was the now-heavily circulated petitions urging Gottschalk's and Dillard's to consider locating a department store at the Plaza.

As of late last week the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce had 24 1/2 petitions representing over 3,600 signatures of folks in Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, Berkeley. The Chamber is offering copies to anyone willing to circulate them. But its



This was the line outside Betty's Hallmark 20 minutes before Beanie Babies' went on sale.

stack was not as full as the one at Betty's "we have 30-40 signed already," Maiss said. "People sign all day every day. It's heard 20 minutes of what people were waiting to be sold."

El Cerrito Chamber Manager Sewall said petitions there are "just coming in by the fire," adding that the timeline for the fire extended until the end of the year and the interested can stop in and get copies of the fire at the Chamber. (See the chamber column issue for more details.)

In the meantime, Beanie Babies are a floatation device for Betty's as it waits for a rescue ship to come in.

**KWIK-E-MART:** Redevelopment developers like to stress that the Plaza is an attractive to department stores. They like pairs, if not more, and the Plaza simply has enough room for that. The view from the Plaza that this outpouring of support surely will likely catch the eye of an on-top-of-it who may not have considered the location. What next? A surprise vote for mayor? The swift restoration of televised council? In the past the telecasts cost the city a small amount around \$225 per session, more if the session long. The cost now, which will be slightly less, will come from a fund the city established reaching a financial settlement with El Cerrito cable carrier several years ago. The fund is half expended, and once it's gone the council have to decide how or whether to continue broadcasts. Still to be determined are proposals for handling public speakers who exceed the council's three-minute time limit. Time has been fairly standard at such meetings, but we've felt the termination of telecasts was a detriment to an informed citizenry ... El Cerrito High School received a major boost this week by lottery grants that will help bring it into the computer age. The "Digital High School" program awarded \$497,000 for computer hardware. Not far from Hewlett-Anenberg challenge grant, announced as yet, to develop the use of technology in teaching curriculum ... Students in EC High Leadership Class are learning a rewarding lesson this week as they participate in the annual Family program. Students in the senior and sophomore classes each adopt a family member from the Richmond Rescue Mission and raised money to buy Christmas presents for chosen subjects. The gift-wrapping was just begun and today.

Thom Stark wants to make one thing clear: He's not just a perennial candidate for seat (our all-in-fun characterization of him in column's last installment). Thom, a city council fellow who lost a second bid for a place on Council last month and is now up for a place on Chamber of Commerce Board, says he was seeking the chamber spot and only agreed to name out when he was asked. "Some people out board membership, others have it because of them," he says ... Last week's issue featured a pitch for people to donate to Albany's Tots effort. There is also a toll-free number for needy families can contact the United Way Northern California Council for the Community register for the program: (800) 273-6222.

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# Forgotten, hidden creek getting overdue attention

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Off Eureka Avenue between Clayton and Albemarle is a good example of what you can do with a little federal money, a crew of workers from the East Bay Conservation Corp and some elbow grease.

It's about 150 feet of creek restoration.

An underground creek runs down from the El Cerrito hills along Hotchkiss Avenue, under Pomona and eventually finds its way into San Francisco Bay. Although the creek is mostly underground in pipes, Mori Struve, the city's maintenance and engineering services manager, explains that the creek "peeks out at various places."

Between Clayton Avenue and Albemarle Street the creek surfaces and runs between private properties north and south of the stream bed. Overflow from the creek has caused a lot of property damage over the years and Struve said he has been keeping an eye on the creek and the problems it's caused for the past three years. When a federal grant from the Clean Water Act became available, Struve said the city was finally able to act. "We

had the three things we needed," he explained. "We had funding, neighbor cooperation and the city's will not to allow further private property damage."

Peter Mentor lives on the south side of the creek and he said water from the creek routinely floods his yard during the rainy season. "The creek flow goes from being three feet wide to a ten foot wide raging stream," he said. Mentor said the water flows fast and hard enough to wash big boulder-sized rocks into neighborhood yards.

The city contracted with a local company called the Waterways Restoration Institute and they contracted with the Oakland-based non profit East Bay Conservation Corp and work began.

The Creek was dug out and the banks sloped. A fabric made of coconut fibers that looks like straw in a mesh padding was laid along the banks. Hundreds of live plant cuttings were then driven through the mesh to hold it in place. Willow cuttings were used along the bottom of both banks and Dogwood cuttings and natural grasses were planted along the upper sides of the creek.

Joshua Bradt, the 27 year-old field supervisor for the six-person work crew, explained that the cuttings will grow to provide shade and a root system to help secure the creek banks. "The big word for what we're doing is soil bio-engineering," he said. Bradt said that what his youthful crew is doing will not

only make the place more beautiful, it will prevent erosion and slow the water flow.

In addition to the sloping and the planting, the crew helped re-route the creek into a slight "S" shape between the yards. Bradt explained this will slow down the water and help return it to a more natural course. "The water will meander more," he said. "The energy of water likes to meander back and forth," he added.

The project will cost between \$12,000 and \$14,000 and will be completed sometime later this month.

The workers from the East Bay Conservation Corp are aged from 18 to 24 years old. They work on environmental projects in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. They attend classes for three hours twice a week in the evenings to earn their high school diploma or GED. The pay starts at \$5.15 an hour and they get a 10¢ raise per month based on performance. Bradt said most of his workers have little job experience and this work is a way for them to enter the labor force. "It's a place to start," he said.

Adolfo Garcia, a 22-year-old student went to work for the Corp six months ago. Garcia says he enjoys the work and is learning new skills. "I didn't know anything about landscaping," he said, "but now I'm learning."

## Fee to fund print ID participation

MARTINEZ — A \$1 fee for vehicle registrations to fund participation in a new statewide computerized fingerprint identification system was approved by Contra Costa County Supervisors last week.

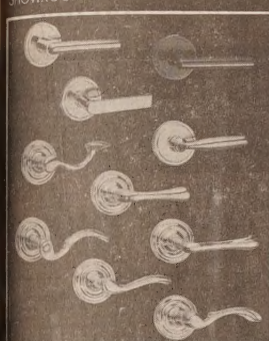
The fees will allow law enforcement agencies to tap into a network authorized by state legislation that takes effect Jan. 1. The statute allows counties to join a program that will use state-of-the-art electronic scanning to record fingerprints instead of ink-and-paper methods.

The new system will replace equipment over 13 years old that is running out of memory and would likely crash in the year 2000 because it can't handle dates from the new millenium.



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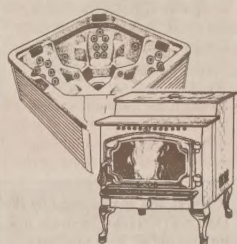
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Above: EBCC workers Adolfo Garcia (front) and (left-right) Kevin Brawley, Xochitl Villa and field supervisor Joshua Bradt push in pieces of dogwood that will sprout on the banks of the creek.

Jeff Lindquist

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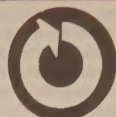
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On Dec. 8 an employee at the Gregor High School reported that thieves broke into two vending machines over the weekend.

A man reported that sometime during the night of Dec. 7 thieves stole his silver '78 Mercedes 280c while it was parked on the 1000 block of Second Street.

At about 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 officers contacted a 19-year-old Richmond man at Memorial Park

who was known to have an outstanding Albany warrant for disturbing the peace. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of Dec. 9 officers responded to reports of a boy who was with a group of juveniles on the 1000 block of Solano and causing problems. The boy turned out to be a 20-year-old Oakland man. He was arrested for battery, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 11 officers observed a 21-year-old Richmond man staggering on the street. He was found to be very intoxicated and was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 4 a.m. on Dec. 10 officers observed an 18-year-old Albany man who was staggering on San Pablo near Garfield Street. He was found to be very intoxicated and was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the evening of Dec. 11 a

resident on the 600 block of Kains Avenue reported that his dark blue '83 Toyota Corolla was stolen during the night while parked in front of his house. On the morning of Dec. 12 Richmond police reported locating the car. It had been damaged and the front license plate was missing. They did not have anyone in custody.

On the evening of Dec. 11 a resident on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that during the night vandals dug up plants in the front yard and threw them at the house.

On the morning of Dec. 12 a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that two blankets, one red and one blue, had been stolen off her porch.

On the morning of Dec. 13 a resident on the 1500 block of Marin Avenue reported that during the night vandals had egged his green '97 Toyota Camry.

At about 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his

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## Jewelry theft may be inside job

By William Arthur Haynes

**EL CERRITO** — On Dec. 8 a black male described as wearing a dark knit cap and dark jacket was witnessed breaking and entering a '96 Jeep Cherokee parked on the 500 block of Bonnie Rd. The suspect saw that he was seen and fled in the vehicle. Police pursued the Jeep but were evaded.

After dismissing her housekeeper for having friends over on several occasions, an elderly woman reported some jewelry missing from her home on the 400 block of Richmond St. Later that same day, Dec. 1, she called and reported more jewelry missing, this time a piece worth \$5,000.

Sometime between 11:30 and noon on Dec. 8 someone entered the apartment of a senior citizen on the 500 block of Kearney St. The woman did not have her hearing aid on and did not hear the suspect bust through the door frame. He apparently heard her and fled the apartment. Nothing was disturbed and there was no loss of property.

On Dec. 9 a man with an empty baby carriage attempted to leave the Eastshore Blvd. FoodsCo with two cases of baby formula without paying. Police found the man had served time for prior convictions of

theft.

On Dec. 12 a suspect entered the San Pablo Ave. Mechanics Bank and attempted to cash a stolen and forged check. The suspect fled in a car but left the check and identification card. Police later located and arrested the suspect.

An '88 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 3400 block of Carlson Blvd. sometime between 3 and 5 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Sometime between 8 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8 a.m. Dec. 2 someone entered a vehicle parked on the 1700 block of Julian Ct. through a rolled-down driver's side window. The suspect ransacked the glove box and pried the stereo from the dash causing major damage.

On Dec. 8 a woman reported that the night prior she received several prank calls.

Sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. on Dec. 9 someone removed all four tires from a '91 Honda CRX parked on the 1200 block of Contra Costa. The car was found resting on cinder blocks.

Sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 someone entered a residence on the 2000 block of Tapscott by unknown means. All four bedrooms were searched and two bicycles were taken from the kitchen. One bicycle

was later recovered nearby.

At the San Pablo Ave. Lucky on Dec. 10 a woman put her purse down on the ground to reach an item on the shelf someone took the purse. It was not recovered.

On Dec. 10 a man reported that for the past three months he has received several prank calls.

A '97 Honda Civic was stolen from the 5800 block of Avila St. on Dec. 11.

On Dec. 10 a juvenile attempted suicide by ingesting pills and cough medicine after engaging in a fight with his mother over school grades. After vomiting twice the boy was transported to Brookside Hospital.

A woman was arrested for willfully inflicting corporal injury on Dec. 11 after scratching her stepfather at their residence on the 6500 block of Barrett Ave.

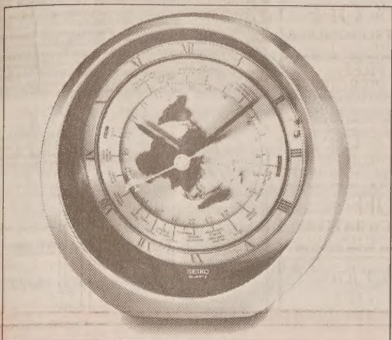
Sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 someone broke a window and entered a residence on the 6700 block of Eureka Ave. The assailant ransacked the house and left with unknown or no property.

On Dec. 13 someone entered a residence on the 3000 block of San Mateo Ave. by unknown means. The assailant made off with compact discs, a CD player and a debit ATM card.

Sometime between 4 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 12 noon on Dec. 13 an

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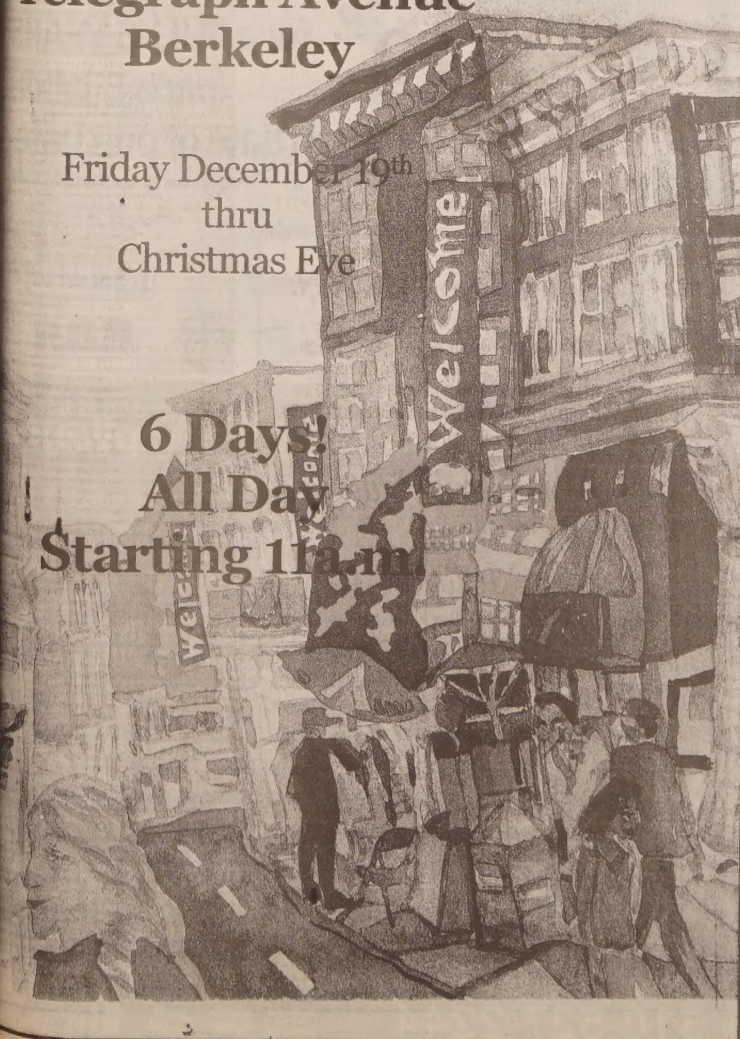
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# Mayor Mast: Not middle of the road

**Editor's note:** This story — or at least part of it — was on the front page of last week's issue, but the conclusion was omitted. We apologize to readers and present the story here in its entirety.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — There were no accusations of back-room covenants, nor of wheeling and dealing, nor a "knife to the back." Finishing what has been a year of (for the most part) controversy-free politics, the City Council last week appointed Bruce Mast as mayor for what will be, he says, his last year in office.

By a 5-0 vote, the council appointed Mast to replace Bob Good as the largely-ceremonial head of city government, also appointing Peggy Thomsen to the post of vice mayor. Though Mast has, in the past, been caught dead in the middle of the controversies that surrounded the pre-1997 council, the Albany of today is one that is slowly, but surely, forging ahead with previously-laid plans, plans that will change the face of Alameda County's northern gateway forever.

"My goal is to avoid being dogmatic and saying it has to be this way and no other way," says the 33-year-old Mast, a strong environmentalist and public transportation advocate who characterizes himself as falling sometimes into the liberal camp, sometimes the libertarian. "Certainly it's my goal to listen to opposing views and then, if I can, present cogent arguments for why another perspective may be better. I'll certainly argue for what I think is right."

As things stand in late 1997, Albany is at the cusp of what will be massive changes in the very structures that make up the city: A rebuilt Solano Avenue, a new high school and middle school, new freeway on and off ramps and a renovated University Village, to name a few. Yet to understand where the city is going, one must also understand where it's been: just over a year ago, city politics were so wracked with disagreements, disputes and bad blood that, to an uninformed observer,

things might have resembled, well, El Cerrito.

## Tumultuous times

Mast himself made a huge splash in the tiny pond of Albany politics in 1994 when he spent a previously unheard of \$12,000 to win a \$5 per meeting seat on the council. Fueled in part through money out of his own pocket and in part through contributions from Albany's often-battled former mayor, Mike Brodsky, Mast pulled off somewhat of an upset when he unseated incumbent Bill Cain, marking the beginning of what might be referred to as the Brodsky era in Albany.

With Brodsky serving what was a likewise-unheard of 2-1/2-year term as mayor, the council set off on a course that delighted some city residents as much as it chapped the hides of others.

Under Brodsky, the council submitted the much-disputed ballot measure (Measure F in 1994) that led to the current Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit; it stripped Cain of his Planning Commission seat (which in turn led to two more 1996 ballot measures), failed in attempts to make the elected positions of police chief, city attorney and treasurer appointed, and finished off with the likewise-contentious open space initiative, Measure R.

The cardroom in particular served as a thorn in the side of Brodsky's detractors, leading to speculations that Mast's election had something to do with helping the project along. With the exception of Good, who once earned the nickname "Dr. No" for his repeated, lone objections to the council's course of action, the city's top legislative body had a habit of moving forward with unflinching unanimity, which in turn led to accusations of repeated violations of the open-meeting Brown Act.

During that time, Mast was perhaps the most active among council members, serving on the Youth Task Force, the Bicycle Task Force, the county Congestion Management Agency and helping spearhead a local group opposed to Prop. 209.

An Oklahoma City native with a

degree in physics who spent two years in the Peace Corps in Africa before moving to Albany seven years ago, Mast's unrelenting activism led one outspoken cardroom opponent to say, prior to the 1996 election, "He's the best council member we've got."

In looking toward what Mast says will be his last year on the council, he sees a time when many outside forces will be at work in Albany's back yard, a time when the city will have to speak up or be left in the cold. At the top of the list: Caltrans' freeway-widening project and the renovation of University Village, although, Masts adds, "When we start tearing up Solano Avenue, I think we're going to hear about it."

## Looking back, forward

Some thoughts from the new mayor regarding yesterday, today and tomorrow:

—On previous mayors, Mast says Brodsky at times used the post as a "bully pulpit," or, put more gently, as a post through which to convey his ideas. "(Brodsky) used that to advocate things, and to some extent I would like to do that too," Mast says. "Bob's got his style, Mike had his style, I've got my own...And, I think part of it too is that, part of the local community put so much of the responsibility for the cardroom and Measure F directly with Brodsky. Everything else that he did either made them mad or made them suspicious."

—On the cardroom and subsequent lawsuits, Mast, like many other project supporters, appears not to be holding his breath. "I'm mostly just looking forward to getting it over with and done and decided one way or the other. At this point I don't really care which way it comes out," Mast says, adding that, while he still believes it won't be a "big deal" if the cardroom is built, likewise, the city's financial condition is not as dire as was projected a few years ago.

"Some of the original sense of urgency has been lost," Mast says.

—On the city's decreasing sales-tax revenue, Mast says one proposed

solution, redevelopment, "may be" a step in the right direction. "I think if anything will help reverse the situation, redevelopment will. That's not to say redevelopment can."

Also, on California's tax structure, which forces cities to increasingly rely on sales tax revenue, Mast says that, in turn, has led to local governments competing against one another to bring retail businesses within their city limits. "I don't fault any of those cities for doing what they've done," Mast says, referring to Berkeley and Emeryville. "But I think it reflects some basic weaknesses in the tax code."

—On the current council, Mast says he is impressed with council members' commitment to open space issues, although their ideas on implementation are not always the same as his. As for the previous council's tendency to move forward as one: "(Brodsky) had the confidence of the council, so he had a lot of influence in that sense...I don't think anyone on the council today has that same kind of confidence of the other council members."

—On Albany's role in regional politics, Mast, who views transportation, environmental and social issues as inter-related, says, "One of my goals here is to make sure Albany is as active as it can be in some of these regional issues, because they definitely effect us."

—On a proposal to slow down traffic on Marin Avenue, possible reducing the current four lanes to two and adding bike paths: "We're going to make some real tradeoffs. We're going to have to consider, do we want cars to move smooth and fast through town or do we want to place a higher priority on pedestrians getting across and people getting around by foot and by bike? There are some tradeoffs here, and there are going to be winners and losers... (People have to) understand



that if they want things to be good when they drive, then they need to put up with it when they're not driving."

—On what Albany is: "I think it's a small town, and to me that means that, especially in the political arena, the politics are face to face." In other words, you have to deal, on a personal level and often on a repeated basis, both with those who agree with you and those who do not.

—On the future and the environment: "I guess the main thing for me is that I try to, as much as possible, keep in mind the longer-term time frame...Every time you degrade the environment you're borrowing from your children."

—On the future in a more immediate sense: "Keep an eye on those ball fields," Mast says, responding to a comment that this must be an exciting time to be in office by saying it will also be a "gut-churning" time. "If it doesn't work out, you know who to blame."

Good steps down as mayor

As Albany is going to be losing a politician can be. Bob's a few waves of his year as mayor, primarily opposed the Albany plans to use Measure F temporary home for the year, and I don't know adding that, if he had again, he would proceed. During his year, Good, 66, also taught time at Cal State. He was writing a 500-page treatise on magnetism.

Just as Brodsky's Good bills himself as a "student voice," although he would be nice to his predecessor's person. "I wish everyone would be like Good," Good says.

As mayor, Good...

See Mast

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# Albany social whirl alights at Chamber holiday mixer

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ALBANY — For a night, the mechanics Bank was the bustling heart of the Albany news universe, as far as bustling hubs of Albany news universe go. The annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party, where the drinks were tasty, the sandwiches divine and the information, well, if you didn't know there, quite possibly there nowhere in town to hear it at

hosted by chamber Executive Director Fern Luoma, the early evening event featured food, a bar and just about everything you need to know of the comings and goings in the northern gateway to the Bright Side of the

Police Chief Larry Murdo, in fact, forsook an event honoring a well-known congressional hopeful to attend; the chief also informed us that he has published yet another article in the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin, this time regarding the Chief Operator teen driving program, a.k.a. "Elvis and the Lawman."

Sgt. Art "The Lawman" Clemons was also one hand to say things looked good for his daughters regarding that insurance money from the Kensington PD; great to hear it, Art, but we're cynics; we'll believe it when the check clears. Sgt. Clemons was joined by many attendees from the previous week's Solano Avenue Association Holiday Mixer, including City Attorney Robert Zweben, Pub (and School

Board)-meister Ed McManus, and youth-booster Ray Anderson, who was bursting with enthusiasm over the youth programs that seem to be blooming these days like flowers in the warm, sunny spring.

If you want to know what's going on at City Hall, look no further than Solano Avenue, where things will soon get ugly before they look beautiful again. "It's going to be my life for the next nine months," Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma said to Charles "Chick" Wolf, D.D.S. of The Alameda; something tells us Ann isn't the only person at 1000 San Pablo saying the same.

And of course no bustling hub would be complete without former Albany mayor (and former AC Transit Boardmember, Bay

Conservation and Development Commissioner, currently Traffic and Safety Commissioner, did we miss anything?) Ruth Ganong, who said the new YMCA Fitness Center will open with the beginning of the New Year. Mr. Albany himself, Jerome Blank, also dropped by; said he sent a picture of the ever-popular (depending where you live) Santa Fe Avenue Treehouse to the former owner of the property. The times they are a changing, yes indeed!

Manning the bar with a rather free-flowing attitude was chamber employee Pat Demster; now that's a Screwdriver, is all we have to say.

And, last but not never least, mingling with old friends and new was Lions Club newsletter



Police Chief Larry Murdo networks with constituents.

editor (and former mayor) Henry Kruse, who scooped everybody — and we mean

everybody — with his story on the Albany Hill Cross. Hey, *The Journal* can't win them all!

## Lifeguard training course registration now open

Lifeguard Training courses begin at the Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave., Saturdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31 1998, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 12, 14, and 16 from 6 p.m. - 9:30

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stroke, and sidestroke; submerge seven feet and retrieve a 10 pound object and return to the surface.

Registration deadline is Dec. 22. The fee is \$130, and includes materials. Call 559-6640.

## Re-use

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new product," Stein said. Re-use pointed out, doesn't use all energy or effort to change the product into something new.

Places like Urban Ore in Berkeley she said, "re-use that old product in its original form—they don't use a lot of energy to shred the product and then use that to make a new product."

Stein says that the waste stream—the refuse left over after recycling and composting—continues to grow even though recycling programs are doing very well. "The waste stream will continue to grow and we need to

look at other ways to generate less trash," she said.

Stein is a realist and knows re-use will have to be relatively convenient for it to really catch on. But she's also an optimist. "If a lot of people make even little changes," she said, "the waste stream could be decreased by a lot."

Stein dedicated her book to "the next seven generations."

She explains that it comes from an old American Indian saying. "The Iroquois say you should make your plans keeping in mind how your decisions will affect the next seven generations," she said.

## Closure

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close the street to through traffic.

The Albany School District is giving El Cerrito \$45,000 for "closure improvements," which will take form as a cul-de-sac at the end of Behrens Street.

Back on the air

In another matter, the council agreed to future discussions about the newly restarted televising of its meetings.

The council decided early last spring to end the broadcasts after complaints that the cameras added to incivility at the meetings. There were allegations that members of

the public grandstanded and played to the camera.

At last Monday's meeting the camera began rolling again, but Councilmember La Force asked who had decided to restart the taping. La Force said he was not opposed to televised meetings, but he questioned Mayor Jane Bartke's apparent "unilateral decision" to restart the camera. "I don't think it's proper for you to make the decision yourself without public discussion," he said.

Mayor Bartke quickly acquiesced and promised the matter will be on the agenda when the council meets again Jan. 5.

## A message from the Albany Music Boosters

The Albany Music Boosters would like to thank all those who helped out with our first fundraiser for 1997-98, the beverage sales at the Solano Stroll. We made \$442 at this event.

Our gratitude goes to the

following people, who worked shifts at one of our two booths or helped with set-up and clean-up: Susan Zarchy, Ginny Howe, Peter Witte, Alexandra Witte, Carolyn Schout, Bob Pickus, Sandy Reid, Juanita Rynerson, Sandy Schweitzer, Laura Schweitzer, Marta Tobey, Karen Carlson-Olson, Joyce Kawahata, Pam Tsai, Kay Weinstein, Jan Ambrosini, Tim Strohane, Dina Cowan, Ock Joo Song, Patty Chin, Eileen Smith, Janice Chang, Deena Brown, Geri Burns, James Carter, Maria Carter, Rebecca Angel, Xiaomang Ba, Amy Dexter, Nelofer Bukhari, Judith Carey, Sarah Robinson, Rosalie Gonzales, John Gonzales, Joan Larson, Rondi Hurlbut, Lincoln Hurlbut, Pete and Ellen Fiss-Hobart, and Zach Teitler. We would also like to thank the following people from the Solano Ave. Association: Ed McManus for thinking of us to run the booths and for providing a storage space, Tristram Goldstein for bringing the beverages to the booths and for helping with the returns, and Lisa Bullwinkel for taking care of the permits and all the paperwork.

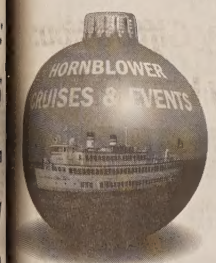
We'd also like to thank Home Depot of Emeryville, for the generous donation of the two canopies; and to the Friends of the Albany Library, for letting us use some of their tables.

This was a good beginning to our fund-raising efforts this year. We should also celebrate the restoration of eighth grade chorus by the school board and the addition of the Booster-supported concert band at the high school this fall.

We need your help and donations to support these programs, and to continue to restore music programs such as advanced chorus at the high school, orchestra, and elementary music programming. In January the 4th and 5th grade chorus will return, paid for by the Music Boosters with your donations!

The community is invited to the next Music Boosters meeting planned for Jan. 11, at 908 Polk St. Also, look for our table at the upcoming concerts; we'll be there to recruit new members and sell our great new T-shirts designed by Rondi Hurlbut. If you have any questions, call Pete Hobart (President) at 527-8879.

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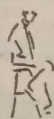
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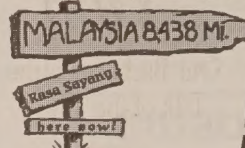
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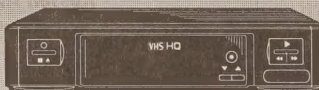
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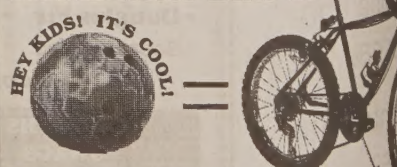
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car had been broken into the previous night.

During the week of Dec. 14 officers fingerprinted seven people at their request, towed three cars, responded to 22 false alarms, attended to six lost or deceased animals, assisted five people who were locked

out of their house or car and responded to nine reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena officers intervened in one domestic dispute, eight civil disturbances and 27 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and seven medical emergencies.

## El Cerrito

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'87 Cadillac Sedan Deville was stolen from the 2200 block of Scenic St. the vehicle was later recovered. Sometime in the night of the same day an '87 Nissan Stanza was stolen from the 11200 block of San Pablo Ave.

On Dec. 16 a juvenile was knocked from his bicycle on the BART path near Potrero Ave. The suspect fled with the victim's backpack.

On Dec. 11 a man reported prowlers on the front porch of his residence on the 8300 Kent Ct. One prowler was tampering with his plants and a marble table.

A woman was arrested on Dec. 11 at the San Pablo Ave. Kentucky Fried Chicken for being drunk and disorderly in public. According to the police report, the woman was "too intoxicated to take care of herself."

## Mast

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nity to attend monthly mayors' conferences, where he met Oakland's top dog, Elihu Harris ("a real ball of fire") but not the mayor of all Bay Area mayors, San Francisco's Willie Brown.

On Albany's future, Good says, "I think we're going in the right direction. I think the city is in good hands," and, like Mast, cites open space and play fields as important.

In looking at the nation and society as a whole, however, Good fears the legal process is spinning out of control and that judges will "take over the country."

Figuring that, if you can't beat 'em, you might as well join 'em, Good in fact urged his sons to take up the practice of law, which they refused, he says, citing "moral standards."

Also, on a county-wide level,

Good says he is "appalled" at the financial troubles that have befallen the county as a result of the Oakland Coliseum deal with the Raiders ("a terrible deal," Good says). And, with his term in office expired, *The Journal* presented Good with one final mayoral opportunity: a chance to comment on the recent news item that has brought wave upon wave of grief to his San Francisco counterpart.

"He choked his coach? I think it's not unreasonable they would fire and suspend him," Good says, referring, of course, to former Golden State Warrior Latrell Sprewell. During his remaining three years in office, Good says he will be content with the title of council member, and will undoubtedly, as he has before, be one to speak his piece, cast his vote and move on.

## Happy holidays to everyone

**Habeas Your Corpus a Merry Little Christmas:** Many thanks to Oakland reader Gilbert Chang for passing along this funny bit of parody verse via e-mail. Everyone I've shown it/forwarded it to has loved it. I subsequently got this on the Net two more times, but nowhere is authorship mentioned. Even lawyers, accustomed to lame and recycled lawyer-bashing jokes, should get a Santa-like chuckle out of this one. If anyone knows who wrote this, please let me know so I can give him/her credit. This revision of a holiday classic was written by a lawyer who signs his name only "T. Grinch, Esq." We've certainly come a long way from the Fred Waring and The Pennsylvanians' version, that's for sure:

### THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, LEGALLY SPEAKING

Whereas, on or about the night prior to Christmas, there did occur at a certain improved piece of real property (hereinafter "the House")

A general lack of stirring by all creatures therein, including, but not limited to, a mouse.

A variety of foot apparel, e.g. stockings, socks, etc., had been affixed by and around the chimney in said House in the hope and/or belief that St. Nick a/k/a St. Nicholas a/k/a Santa Claus (hereinafter "Claus") would arrive at sometime thereafter

The minor residents, i.e. the children, of the aforementioned House were located in their individual beds and were engaged in nocturnal hallucinations, i.e. dreams, wherein vision of confectionery treats, including, but not limited to, candies, nuts and/or sugar plums did dance, cavort and otherwise appear in said dreams.

Whereupon the party of the first part (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "I"), being the joint-owner in fee simple of the House with the party of the second part (hereinafter "Mamma"), and said Mamma had retired for a sustained period of sleep. (At such time, the parties were clad in various forms of headgear, e.g. kerchief and cap.)

Suddenly, and without prior notice or warning, there did occur upon the unimproved real

property adjacent and appurtenant to said House, i.e. the lawn, a certain disruption of unknown nature, cause and/or circumstance.

The party of the first part did immediately rush to a window in the House to investigate the cause of said disturbance.

At that time, the party of the first part did observe, with some degree of wonder and/or disbelief a miniature sleigh (hereinafter "the Vehicle") being pulled and/or drawn very rapidly through the air by approximately eight (8) reindeer.

The driver of the Vehicle appeared to be and in fact was, the previously referenced Claus.

Said Claus was providing specific direction, instruction and guidance to the approximately eight (8) reindeer and specifically identified the animal co-conspirators by name: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen (hereinafter "the Deer"). (Upon information and belief, it is further asserted that an additional co-conspirator named "Rudolph" may have been involved.)

The party of the first part witnessed Claus, the Vehicle and the Deer intentionally and willfully trespass upon the roofs of several residences located adjacent to and in the vicinity of the House

And noted that the Vehicle was heavily laden with packages, toys and other items of unknown origin or nature.

Suddenly, without prior invitation or permission, either express or implied, the Vehicle arrived at the House, and Claus entered said House via the chimney.

Said Claus was clad in a red fur suit, which was partially covered with residue from the chimney

And he carried a large sack containing a portion of the aforementioned packages, toys, and other unknown items.

He was smoking what appeared to be tobacco in a small pipe in blatant violation of local ordinances and health regulations.

Claus did not speak, but immediately began to fill the stocking of the minor children, which hung adjacent to the

### Bill Mann

chimney, with toys and other small gifts. (Said items did not, however, constitute "gifts" to said minor pursuant to the applicable provisions of the US Tax Code.)

Upon completion of such task, Claus touched the side of his nose and flew, rose and/or ascended up the chimney of the House to the roof where the Vehicle and Deer waited and/or served as "lookouts." Claus immediately departed for an unknown destination.

However, prior to the departure of the Vehicle, Deer and Claus from said House, the party of the first part did hear Claus state and/or exclaim:

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Or words to that effect. A Holiday List: Each year we thank those inside and outside the media during the holidays for their Santa-like kindness and help during the previous year.

The Merriest of Christmases to KTVU's Fred Zehnder, Kevin O'Brien, Bob Hirschfeld, Brian Copeland, Gary "The Itinerant One" Kauf, Roland "The Cynic" DeWolk, Dianne Dwyer, Mike Kelly, Chris Abrahamson, Kenny Wardell, Dennis Richmond, and Elaine Corral. May your Nielsen's soar like Santa's sleigh.

Nonsectarian season's greetings to KRON's ever-helpful

Jodie Chase and well as Pete Wilson. Over at the for Spot News on EBay whatever they're there be many presents trees of KPX's Brian Ann Fraser, Bill Bastida and Manna Channel 7's classy never miss a forecast Tyler a big story. 20 publicist Karen merry and bright owner in the new year wishing for the present of all for KRON programmer Tom elusive Cubs' penmanship Christmas best to 44 colleague, flash Toner, and to broadcast publicist Hamilton at KALB. the season may be Tribune boss and Aarons, long-time resident founder of the Lesbian and Gays Association. That commendation from was a nice holiday We lift a glass of Hills owners Chip and Brown, of course — be back with you all Christmas, as well as publisher Scott Little Alameda Journal's

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## El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

## Department store campaign extended

The petition drive to bring a department store to El Cerrito has been extended through the end of the year, it was announced this week.

The current effort to get high signatures to convince Dillard's Department Store to open a store here is attracting widespread support, according to local resident Kathie Perka who is spearheading the petition campaign.

"The response to our effort has been tremendous," she said. "More and more signatures are coming in daily."

"Because of this overwhelming public support, our ad-hoc campaign group has decided to extend the campaign so everyone who is interested in bringing a department store to El Cerrito will have time to add their name to our list."

Meanwhile, she went on, the petition drive could use "all the help it can get." Those interested in circulating petitions can pick up forms at the office of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, which is operating with the citizens' group. Individuals wishing to add their name to the list may do so at the Chamber, 10848 San Pablo Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekdays.

Petitions are also available for signing at Betty's Hallmark Shop and The Junket in El Cerrito Plaza.

Chamber manager Sewall Glinernick reports that a great many volunteers have already come in for petition forms and, as a result, they are currently being circulated in Albany, Kensington and Berkeley as well as El Cerrito.

## Welcome new member

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome as its newest member Kuman Math and Reading Center.

Located at 11100 San Pablo Ave., Suite 106, the tutoring service is operated by Greta Chang. For information call 235-8666.

The Chamber also expresses its appreciation to Wells Fargo Bank at 9800 San Pablo Ave. for its reinvestment in membership.

## Call for new talks

Retiring El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce President June Boblitt this week called for a renewal of talks between the Chamber and the city council.

"With development of a new general plan and consideration of new taxes coming up," she said, "it's vital we reopen the lines of communication between the council and the business

community."

"We need to explore ways of assuring that the business people of this city have substantial input on both of these important issues."

Earlier this year representatives of the Chamber and the council met three times to consider lessening the contention between city government and the general public.

## Last minute gift center

Those hunting for unique last minute Christmas gifts would do well to visit Annice Blodgett's Unity Specialty Shop at 10287 San Pablo Ave.

Unity, one of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, is 12 shops in one and features a wonderful variety of items ranging in price from \$5 to \$250.

Organized according to the principal of Kwanzaa — which calls for collective work and responsibility — the shop promotes African culture by offering a variety of masks, figurines, dolls and other culturally sensitive items such as oils, incense and pictures.

Owned by Blodgett, Sheila Jenkins and family, Unity also features a large selection of items of general interest such as clothing, jewelry, ladies hats, cosmetics, along with men's caps and ties.

All items in the store are new, with most custom made and one-of-a-kind.

Blodgett, whose section of the shop contains a variety of merchandise such as jewelry and women's hats, is most proud of the hand-made men's caps she offers for sale.

Other entrepreneurs to be found at the San Pablo Avenue store include:

• Cecilia Johnson, who offers crafts, dolls, cups and other items.

• Inez Marshall, who makes and sells fancy hats in a variety of sizes.

• Pauline Brooks whose "Fashionably Yours" section features one-of-a-kind jewelry as well as men's ties.

• Marie McDowell, owner of "Cleo's Collections, also offers custom made jewelry.

• Terrel Woodard whose section of the store features unique collectables.

• Betty Lynch Ramsey offers a selection of striking hats.

• Johnson's Custom Crafts is sure to interest even the most particular shopper.

• Nita Smith, owner of Nita's Fashions, features clothing in sizes eight to 50, along with accessories.

• Connie Taylor uses her section of the shop to sell Park Lane jewelry.

• Marguerite Williams offers greeting cards and other "thingamajigs."

• Kim Blodgett, a senior Mary Kay sales consultant, features a wide selection of that firm's products.

Store owner Annice Blodgett gained her experience in a home-based business selling dusters, hats and accessories for more than 10 years.

A graduate of Oakland Technical High School, Blodgett has sewn since age eight — when she started designing clothes and setting goals that would eventually lead her to becoming owner of Unity.

Her establishment is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Save at Smart &amp; Final

A "Smart Advantage Card" which offers instant savings on over 500 products throughout the store is now being offered free of charge at Smart & Final's El Cerrito store, 5805 Cutting Blvd.

The new reward program at the local Smart & Final, a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, entitles customers to special offers, enhanced services and helpful information.

According to store manager



Making it official Annice Blodgett, owner of Unity Specialty Shop (left) gets her membership plaque from Chamber of Commerce President June Boblitt (center) Looking on is Inez Marshall, who operates Woman's Outcall Apparel at Unity.

Marquez Elliot, the Smart Advantage Card will save customers an average of five to seven percent on indicated items every time they visit the store.

To join the program all a customer need do is sign up for the Advantage Card, making them eligible for the savings and for sweepstakes — in addition to receiving advanced notice of special promotions, newsletters, a dedicated toll-free customer service line and enhanced services.

Additional savings and a chance to win \$300 worth of high quality branded products from the local Smart & Final branch is being planned for next month, according to assistant manager Steve Wilson.

From Jan. 5 through Feb. 1 of next year Smart & Final in El Cerrito will be holding a "Truckload of Savings" promotion, where customers can ring up big savings on groceries, packaging and cleaning supplies in large sizes and quantities.

Every time a customer uses

their free Smart Advantage Card during this promotion, they will automatically be entered in the Truckload of Savings Sweepstakes — with the local grand prize winner awarded \$300 worth of merchandise.

Membership is not required to shop at any of Smart & Final's 175 stores.

## Beating the sale season

Bubbles, a children's clothing and toy store belonging to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, is getting the jump on the traditional after-Christmas clearance sale season.

Already underway at the store, located at 10566 San Pablo Ave., is a before-Christmas clearance sale — offering local shoppers the chance to save big on holiday gifts for infants and young children.

Those who enjoy hunting for the values most stores offer after Christmas can take heart, however. Store owner Lari Seltzer promises to also hold an after-Christmas clearance.

## Mann

Continued from page 10

Gloria Salvante and the Montclair's merry trio of Don McConnell, Scott Nicolosi, and Chris Treadway. God rest ye merry, and that also goes for another old Trib colleague, "The Catman," Marty Snapp, whom I've still got outnumbered by two

in the feline department. Hope your holiday season is — yes, we dare say it — the cat's meow.

Happy Hanukkah and continued high Arbitron ratings to two of the country's best radio talkers, my pals Ron Owens of KGO and KQED's Michael "The Mensch" Krasny ... Thanks to Alameda's prolific author, the Santa-like Jack Mingo, for all his literary input, and to Oakland reader Kenn Fong for all the bad jokes via e-mail ... Festive Kwanzaa wishes go out to talented KCBS/KRON news anchor Steve Little and to his classy colleague, the genial Al Hart ... A happy Norwegian/Minnesota Christmas to K-101's Don Bleu and longtime KABL morning man Bill Moen, now at KXBX up in Lake County. I still miss Moen's traditional Christmas-morning show and the drunk-Norski bit ... To all you inside — and outside — the media I've forgotten, my sincere thanks and best holiday wishes ... And we've saved the ones I can't forget — you, my faithful readers — for last. You're simply the best, and I couldn't have a better gift than to have you out there again this holiday season. Thanks for all your input, criticisms, suggestions. We'll have a lot more laughs in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to one and all!

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## ve of travel, photography make an award-winning combination

of the reasons I was to meet with David Sanger his exhibit ended was he was in Bangkok the award as the Year for the photographer of the Year for the year in travel photography. if you did get to the Community Center while the exhibition was up in the foyer/ you will know why he was. His photographs are of love, and beautiful, the soul of the subject, shooting, be it a person, a mountain, or just a

Airlines. You have seen his images on Sierra Club calendars, in National Geographic Traveler, and in corporate and travel industry brochures and calendars. He works for editorial and corporate clients in the United States and Asia, including Northwest Airlines and Time-Warner Asia. In addition to his photographs, his writing is excellent, and takes you with him to the places he visits. One of the stories he gave me is about the Russian area of California, Fort Ross and environs. Having just recently revisited the area, I was enthralled with his article about it.

Born in London, England, Sanger's first travel experience was sailing across the Atlantic to the U.S. when his parents emigrated to this country when he was a child of 7. He grew up in New Jersey, and traveled with his family throughout the United States and Europe. He went to prep school in Canada for a couple of years, and to college at Amherst in Massachusetts.

"Every spring vacation and every summer I would travel, mostly with backpack, and I

would photograph." He speaks of traveling through India and Afghanistan, sending his rolls of film home to his parents to be developed and viewed by his family.

He calls it a "20-year diversion." Getting married and going to work in the computer industry. He lived in Albany because that is where his wife, Sally, lived. Both of their children were born here and went through the Albany schools. Jonathan, now 20, is a student at Cal Poly and Elizabeth, 18, is studying at Occidental.

All during this "20-year diversion" he and his family traveled whenever they could. Also, he took classes in photography, mentioning, particularly classes he took with Dorothy Mayer, which, he says, inspired him. Working as a consultant for American Airlines, still on the computer, he could fly to New York for a week end or over to Australia for a few days. "There is something about being in an airplane," he says, "You see things so differently."

Other things led him to decide



David Sanger

to give up corporate work and make photography his career. He speaks of meeting Nancy Anderson, who wrote *Work of Passion*, and he became aware that that was what he wanted to do.

And then, as he puts it "a wonderful thing happened. Soon after I gave myself permission to be a photographer, my job disappeared without warning and

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



I had a year's severance pay and a computer to get started. It's as if the universe said, 'Oh, you want to be a photographer. I thought you'd never ask!'"

He speaks of leading hikes for Save Mount Diablo and the Lindsay Museum, of his first trip to Ecuador for Mountain Travel. He joined the Bay Area Travel Writers and became involved with them, and learned how to send out his magazine stories. He sent his portfolio around and knocked on doors. His first newspaper story appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail, and his career took off.

Sometimes he is commissioned to go to certain places and take photos. Sometimes he travels and then sells his story and pictures.

In 1994 he had an opportunity to lead a group of photographers to China. They followed the Silk

Road and met with Chinese photographers. With this he became interested in teaching, holding workshops, and leading, and is now going to lead a group to Alaska this Spring.

David Sanger has proven wrong all the naysayers who insist you cannot make a living taking photos. And what could be better than working where your passions sends you.

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Several people suggested David Sanger to me, and I thank them all. I found his story inspiring.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, occupations, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.



A Special Feature of the Advertising Department



## Out of Gas...

by Karen Senzig

husband Scott and I drive so to Southern California that every new bump on Interstate 5 and 101. We the gas station attendants and have our favorite fast food spots. Scott does most of the driving but I'll take over when only he gets too sleepy, so he gets to appreciate the ride along the way.

This year, over the holiday we decided to do something different. On Monday we arrived at the Jack Amtrak Station at 8:30 a.m. before the train was running late due to a failure in Sacramento, so we had time for breakfast across the street.

At 10:45 a.m. the train

arrived and was ready for boarding. *The Coast Starlight* begins in Seattle and runs all the way to San Diego. We could have taken it to San Juan Capistrano, but decided to stop short at Oxnard. Scott's brother lives in Thousand Oaks and was picking us up. Then we were to drive those lovely Los Angeles freeways south to the parent's house in Mission Viejo.

We had booked a first class cabin (which I recommend to everyone). We settled into this tiny little room that offered us privacy and meals as part of the price. There were also larger cabins that came complete with a "water closet" and maybe even a shower - but we didn't get to explore it completely. I don't know how much more they cost, but if we were ever to take a much longer

ride on Amtrak we would certainly consider it.

Our cabin had two seats facing each other with a table tray between us. The seats turned into a single bed (or sleeper they called it). Overhead, there was a second bunk that could be pulled down. The big cabins had a sofa and enough bunks for four people (5 or 6 if you were traveling with small children).

We started down the tracks through the East Bay, seeing things and places that we would never see from I-880. At one point we got a glance at the freeway (somewhere near the Milpitas border) and thanked the Lord we weren't in that parking lot.

From our vantage point we watched the magnificence of the California scenery change as dramatically as the weather. As we rolled through the Mission town of San Juan Bautista (and for the first time saw the beautiful mission and its grounds as well as the pretty little town that surrounds it) we happened onto Interstate 101 and watched again as heavy traffic struggled through the rain. All we could think of was that it wasn't us risking our lives on that slippery road.

Sometime around 2:30 p.m., there was a "last call" announce-

ment for lunch. We pushed the call button for our car conductor who responded almost immediately. He brought us menus and asked if we would like our lunch in our cabin since the dining car was rather crowded. So Scott enjoyed a great cheeseburger and chips with a Heineken and I had a wonderful chicken pot pie with fresh fruit and a glass of chardonnay. I was very surprised at how good the food was. It was nothing like airline food! And, the ability to enjoy a cocktail without consideration of having to climb back into the car for six more hours or lose the time stopping at a restaurant made it even more enjoyable!

Amtrak's Coast Starlight is a nonsmoking train. (Yeah, yeah...I'm going to quit in January along with many other Californians). But, they did provide "smoking breaks" at Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara for those of us who needed a cigarette. It seemed almost miraculous that at each stop the clouds parted and blue sky and sun greeted us (except at Santa Barbara where it was dark but dry). By Santa Barbara the first class smokers had formed a little club making jokes about being second class citizens, discussing the new smoking laws after the first of the year and how we were going to quit.

At 5 p.m. there was a wine and cheese tasting in the first class dining car. We tasted 3 reds and 3 whites, I think. After the third or fourth glass, I forgot to look at what we were tasting. They were all good and the company was very engaging.

We put in our reservations for the first dinner seating at 6:30 p.m. Each table sat four people and we were surprised to learn that every seat was filled. There we were, facing two strangers, one a Retired railroad worker and the other a school teacher. After they discovered that we were mortgage brokers we spent the next hour listening to their mortgage horror stories (everybody has one). Still, in all, it was an enjoyable dinner. We started with a salad and bread, then we both had the prime rib with new potatoes and for dessert...brownie ice cream cake.

It was at dinner, as we made our way down the Las Cruces pass that we hit the horseshoe curves in the track. At one point in the horseshoe we could see the entire train before us and behind us. It was too quick to count all the cars, but it was a very large train at this point.

It was dusk by the time we hit the beaches at Gaviota but we could still see the incredible views of the ocean.

Back in our cabin, we finally cracked the books we had brought along. I kept thinking about our previous drives to Southern California where I usually quit reading well before dark because even though I have one of those little personal reading lights, it's distracting to my driver.

Sometime around 9:30 p.m., we finally reached Oxnard. It had taken over 10 hours, a trip that would have normally taken about 6 hours, maximum, had we driven the old Volkswagen Jetta (allowing for gas and food stops). But we arrived full, relaxed and greeted by family at the station. We spent more money than if we had driven, but only because we got the first class cabin and oh what a way to travel.

The railroad fare cost \$44 each if we had just gone coach and that was for one of the most traveled days of the year. The cabin cost was \$120 and the railroad fare was slightly discounted, for a total of \$200 for the two of us (and that included taxes and other nonsense). It also included two meals and the wine and cheese tasting, not to mention the peace of mind of not driving. We were able to get two discounted fares home on Southwest Airlines for \$49 each totaling off our transportation costs for just under \$300.

The next day, the hard part came as we struggled on the Los Angeles and Orange County freeways to South Orange County. While stuck in several bottlenecks along the 90 mile trip, we kept thinking how easy, not to mention relaxing that train trip was.

Would we do it again? You bet! I'm looking forward to our next trip to Reno by train. We've experienced Reno to Oakland by train once already, which gave us the idea to try this adventure, but that's another story.

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■ Martin Snapp

Jesus Who? I know I'm starting to sound like a broken record year after year, but I can't help wondering: Whatever happened to Jesus? According to TV Guide, there are no less than 72 Christmas specials on TV this month, including "All In Good Taste: A Season To Celebrate" ("a look at the role of holiday treats and feasts") "Joy Philbin's Haven Holiday" ("Regis and Joy Philbin open their doors for a celebration that includes holiday decorating tips.") and "Christmas Across America" ("a look at exceptional holiday decorations and lighting displays from coast to coast"). There's even - God help us - "Ho Ho Ho: A Rue Paul Christmas Special." And I'm not counting all the sitcoms and police dramas that will be featuring Christmas themes, from "Baywatch" to "Beverly Hills 90210." And how many of them will bother to mention the name of the man whose birthday this is ostensibly all about? None.

On the other hand, there are 16 shows about Santa Claus, 10 about Frosty the Snowman and nine

about Rudolph the red-nosed Reindeer. It's the same when you turn on the radio: nothing but elves and reindeer and singing chipmunks.

Now, Santa, Frosty and Rudolph are OK in their own way, but let's face it, they're pretty sappy. Besides, there's even less historical evidence of their existence than there is of Jesus.

Something is seriously askew here. You don't have to believe that Jesus was the son of God (although a lot of people do), but you must admit that the Nativity story is a lot more interesting than some fat guy flying around in a sled.

It has everything: Politics (a young couple, caught up in political turmoil beyond their control, are forced to make an arduous cross-country journey), Sex (just who is the real father, anyway?), Violence (the evil king sends soldiers to hunt the baby down), and Suspense (will they make their getaway to Egypt in the nick of time?).

If only for aesthetic reasons, let's put the Christ back in Christmas.

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Not that I'm knocking all un-Biblical Christmas stories. I love "The Gift of the Magi" and "A Child's Christmas In Wales," and especially "A Christmas Carol."

I can't help it. The story of Scrooge - with its underlying theme of a second chance at redemption - strikes a chord deep in my heart, because if truth be told, there's a little bit of old Ebenezer in all of us.

There are eight different versions on TV this month, and Lord knows how many live versions at local theaters. But for my money, the best "Christmas Carol" of the season will be at Berkeley's North Branch Library this Saturday afternoon at 3, per-

formed by the library's Teen Playreaders, a bunch of budding bibliophiles from all over the East Bay.

The first half of the show will be a straight performance of Dickens' story. But the second half will be a series of variations on the theme, including a hilarious "30-Second Christmas Carol" that manages to cram all the major events and characters into less than half a minute.

Scrooge will be played by 17-year-old Daniel O'Neil of Berkeley. Bob Cratchet will be played by 17-year-old Adam Tavernier of Oakland. And Jamie Vislocky, a freshman at Albany High, will play Tiny Tim.

The students don't have much in the way of sets or props to work with. There isn't even a curtain; during scene changes, they hold up a sheet with an elaborately penned sign reading, "Curtain."

All they have is their own talent and imagination and heart, but somehow that's more than enough. This is theater in truest sense, without all the flim-flam and gimmickery that passes for "production values" these days. Check it out. I guarantee a magical time.

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Finally, I'd like to note the passing of two members of our community. The first is Michael Hall, whom I first met 30 years ago when we were both students at U.C. Berkeley protesting against the Vietnam war.

Mike was a reporter who worked for the last few years as legal correspondent for the *San Francisco Daily Journal*. He was on a leave of absence from the *Daily Journal* when he was killed last month in a fall from a cliff in Beirut, Lebanon, where he was free-lancing for the English-language Lebanese

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Daily Star. He was only 48.

Mike knew the country well, having served in the Lebanese civil war in the early '80s as a rate reporter and a first-rate guy, who was diminished by his passing.

The second is Bill O'Neill, who died last week near the corner of Marin and Divisadero when his truck rolled over him while he was working on it.

Maybe you don't recognize the name, but he lived in North Berkeley or Albany. He was a man who hung out in the area for years. He was not unusual to come home and find Bill sitting on your front steps. Many residents called "Mr. U." or "Mr. O'Neil."

I always assumed he was from Lebanon. He had a sister he lived with. I do know once a math professor at Cal. As a member of our community. As a friend. "Attention must be paid." Count your Christmas.

Martin Snapp's column appears in the *Voice*. E-mail him at [msnapp@hillsnews.com](mailto:msnapp@hillsnews.com) or snail-mail him at Hills Newspaper, 11181 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94705 or phone 510-464-7700.

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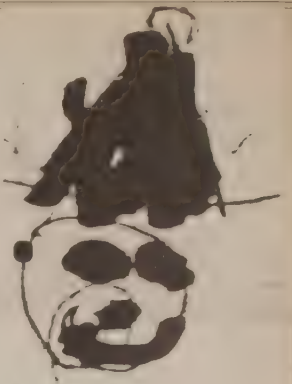
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# Dear Santa ...



By Martin Snapp

The letter was short, but heartbreaking:

"Dear Santa," it read, "I am eight years old. I wish for a picture of my grandpa that just died. Thank you. Love, Allison."

Reading it, Tammy Lopez started weeping. Lopez is a clerk in the Consumer Affairs Department at the Oakland Post Office, which is where letters to Santa Claus end up every year. Every Holiday season, she and her fellow clerks - Tammy Lopez, Olivia Marcus, Ruby Nieves, Margarita Wilensky, David Thomson, Sharon Lu, Carlu Lucas, Sheila Allata, Lydia Moreno, Barbara Schaffer, Birdie Coleman, Janet Ezell, Craig Peterson and the woman who started it all, department manager Elma Ramirez - transform themselves into elves and sort through Santa's mail.

Some letters go in a pile labeled "needy." Others go in a pile labeled "greedy." But needy or greedy, they're all available for kindhearted members of the public, like you, to answer. But Allison's letter was one that Lopez wanted to take care of personally. She called every number in the phone book with Allison's last name until she finally located Allison's mother. She read Allison's letter to her, and the mother burst into tears.

"I had no idea she felt this way about her grandpa," said her mom. "Thank you so much for telling me. I'll make sure there's a picture of grandpa for her under the tree this Christmas."

And there are a lot more letters like Allison's waiting for you. Sometimes the spelling isn't so great, like the little boy who wrote, "I'll leave a snake for you and your reindeer." But they all come from the heart. Here are just a few:

"Dear Santa, My name is Hannah. I am 5. I have been a good girl. I sleep at nap time at school, I listen to my teacher when she reads a book, and I brush my teeth every day. I would like a Barbie House for Christmas, please. That's all I want. I love you Santa, Hannah."

"Rich's Christmas List: More knives, a remote control for an F-14 Tomcat, a poster of an F-14 Tomcat, a glass knife case, an F-14 flight simulator, leather cases for all my knives, and the new Spice Girls album. Signed,

Rich."

"Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm being rood, but how old are you? Is your elf invisible? How is your family doing? Do you like your job being Santa? I bet you do. I would if I was you. How many reindeers do you have? Is Jimmy the elf the main elf? Well, Merry Christmas from a little girl named Tatum."

"Dear Santa & Helpers, I am writing you this letter in hopes of a miracle. My husband and I are on a fixed income. We have five children. By the time we pay our bills we are barely left with enough money for gas for the month. I know my husband really feel bad, being men are taught that they have to support the family. But he is handicapped - he says 'physically challenged.' Some days the pain isn't to the hilt, but other days it's too much to bear. I'm not sure exactly why I am writing you this letter. Maybe in hopes that there really is a Santa Claus. Thank you, Betty."

"Dear Santa, I've tried to be good this year and not hate my little brother, but I can't help it. He is so obnoxious! Please bring me presents anyway. Love, Susie."

"Dear Santa, Merry Xmas! I am 14 years old. Mother isn't able to get us anything for Xmas. I don't want anything for myself, but I want my little brothers and sisters to have a merry Xmas. Santa, could you please get just anything for them? They look forward to Xmas. It's unfair to be too poor for Xmas. My Xmas wish is to make my family's Xmas merry. Please help! Desperately Seeking Santa, Latoya."

"Dear Santa, I'm 11 years old. I don't hit my sisters a lot. I just hit them a tiny few times. I didn't go to summer school this summer. I learned multiplication and division. I've done a lot of work around the house without getting paid. I've been a little bad, but mostly good. I'm sorry I was bad. I want a Play station and a Nintendo with a Star Wars video game. I really want them, please. Your friend,

Moses."

"Dear Santa, I'm 9 years old. I will not have a nice Christmas because I live in a hotel and we can't have Christmas like we would in a house. My father died. so my mom doesn't have much money. I won't give you a list of what I want. Santa, whatever you can get me, I'll be happy with it. Thank you, Henry."

"Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I really want a nail salon for Christmas please! I love you, Santa Claus. You are the best Santa Claus I ever had. Love, Christiana."

"Dear Santa, This is Nathan. If you remember me, I have Down's Syndrome and mild autism. I live with my mom. I'm 21 years old now and am talking better. I still want a computer, though. I asked you 3 years ago. Mom says it's maybe too big. It could be an old one or something like that. I write better than I talk. Please Santa. Don't forget. Your friend, Nathan."

"Dear Santa, I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl all year and I do not cry in my bedroom before I go to sleep. I would like a Rapunzel Barbie, Computer Barbie, and Don't Wake Daddy. I love you Santa, Jordan."

"Dear Santa, I want Oopsy Daisy if I've been good. If I was bad, don't get me anything. Love, Monica."

"Dear Santa, How are you? Hope you are feeling good! I think I've been real good this year. I'm on the honor roll! I got an 'excellent' score in the national guild piano recital last spring! I got all excellent marks in band where I'm learning to play the saxophone. I got a 4th place in the national Judo/Jujitsu tournament last month! Most of the time I listen and do what my parents tell me to do. Best wishes for a Great Christmas Season, Love,

Jordan." "Dear Santa, I'm 13 years old. I have three sisters and three brothers, and we live in a big house. But it's not ours, it's a Section 8 house, and I thank God we have place to stay, and we are not homeless anymore. I'm just asking for some gifts for my brothers and sisters because our mom lost her job in September and she is a single parent raising 7 kids by herself. Thank you. Bye. From Demont."

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a new kitty to love. I promise to take care of her. Love, Melissa." (The envelope was addressed to "Santa Claus, Everywhere USA, The World, Planet Earth.")

"Dear Santa, Please make my daddy and my mommy love each other again. Love, Amy."

"Dear Santa, We are a 6-person household with two parents (both unemployed). This is the first Christmas that our family will not have any gifts under the tree. We - my husband and I - have four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. My oldest son is 13 and says that since we cannot afford gifts this year, he doesn't want anything. My next son is 9 and he wrote you a letter on his own. My next son is 2 years old. Although he is too young to really know what he wants, I think at his age he should have a trike. Now for my youngest, my daughter, I would like for her a beautiful Christmas dress with tights to wear to church on Christmas morning. Oh! And shoes too. Her dress size is 2T and her shoe size is 5W. Please help us this Christmas. Thank you, Angela."

"Dear Santa, I have a ton of things to ask you for, but I'll make it easy on you. Here is a catalog from Toys 'R' Us with my choices already marked out. I thought you'd appreciate it. Love, Kevin."

"Dear Santa, I've been bad again. It seem like every time I try to do right it just goes bad. I'm writing you again because I'm not going to get what I really need. My mom was going to get me stuff but she can't because she had some problems with her car and house. So she can't buy it. So can you? Please Santa! Love, Terry."

"Dear Santa, instead of bringing me presents this year, please give them to kids who are poor. Love, Kim."

"Dear Santa, is the third year I've asked you to bring me a BB gun, but you never bring me one. This is your last chance, Santa! If you don't bring me a BB gun this year, I'm going to stop believing in you. You've been warned! Signed, Jimmy."

"Dear Santa, "Dear Santa, My friends say you aren't real, but I still believe in you. Love ya! Diana"

## How You Can Help

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Or you can phone Santa's Mail Room at 251-3371; or write the LettersTo Santa Program, 201 13th St., Room 228, Oakland CA 94612-9605; and they'll mail the letters to you.

"You don't necessarily have to send a present," says chief elf Elma Ramirez. "Often a kind word is enough. These kids are just glad to know that someone cares."

But, of course, if you're also moved to enclose a gift, nobody's going to stop you. Merry Christmas!

— Martin Snapp



We would like kittens insted of puppies.



## YMCA plans 'Day of Many FACES' in celebration of Martin Luther King Day

With the winter holiday break and the new year fast approaching, the YMCA of the East Bay is also looking forward to the January Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. In commemoration of the day, the YMCA has announced plans for a day of many FACES (Faith, Activism, Community, Education, Service).

On Jan. 19 communities throughout the East Bay will unite to celebrate the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At selected YMCA East Bay locations, participants of all races and religions will translate Dr. King's dream to reality through fun and family-oriented education and service projects.

Here in West County,

celebrations will be held at the YMCA Coronado Community Center, 263 S. 20th St. in Richmond from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Planned activities include an inspirational breakfast, a peace dialogue, community service through school improvements, peace quilting, a convalescent home visit, and a lunch with a closing program. For more information, contact Don Lau, West Contra Costa YMCA, telephone: 970-7654.

The Rev. Robert Wilkins, President and CEO of the YMCA of the East Bay, is one of California's foremost "King Scholars" having dedicated a significant amount of time to the study of the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev.

Wilkins developed the idea for the "Day of Many FACES" because of his concern that the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday needed to be more than simply a three-day weekend. Wilkins said, "I am deathly afraid that Martin Luther King Day will simply turn into another department store holiday. We must act now to insure that the meaning of this man's life is infused into the way we as a community celebrate his day. Beyond that, we can use this day as a way making his dream a reality in our communities."

### Special board study session on new middle school

The WCCUSD School Board plans a special public study session for Monday, Dec. 22 to

gather input related to its' plans to build a new middle school. The board is on record with the intent to put a general obligation bond measure before voters in June to finance construction costs for the new middle school. The session will focus on whether a bond measure is the best way to finance the new school and the creation of a task force charged with developing a framework for the new middle school (how it will best complement existing middle schools, its' curricular focus, etc.). The study session, at the Richmond High School Little Theater, 1250 23rd St., begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Reading renaissance at Adams Middle School

Adams Middle School is working hard to improve the reading skills of each student and this year the school has implemented the "Reading Renaissance" program.

Every teacher at Adams has volunteered to be a "reading coach" for the students. A thirty minute reading period is incorporated into every student's schedule and every student's reading skill has been assessed. Students choose a book from a list of over 3,000 carefully selected books identified in the library by color stickers to indicate reading level. The students read a book and then go to the library to take a test on the computer. The computer keeps track of each student's performance and generates a report of reading progress which is being monitored by one full-time teacher. The library will soon be open Monday through Friday to handle the increased needs of the students.

Preliminary results have shown a dramatic increase in the number of books being checked out from the library. Students can be seen throughout the school reading books (even in the office while they are awaiting disciplinary counseling!). A pizza party is being given to any student who passed at least two reading tests in November and 264 students qualified!

Adams is looking for interested community members who would

be willing to become tutors and/or donate to the program. The student of the Falcon Flyer is accepting advertisements for local businesses. A size ad is \$10 for the ad appears. Contact office at 235-5464 to assist the reading program. Falcon Flyer.

Special thanks to the Middle School parent, Chan Kucera for the on activities at Adams Middle School. Want to read County School Watch additional WCCUSD information and alert to your email address message "Subscribe" pakglen@aol.com. School Watch is on the Wide Web: <http://www.westcounty/>.

## Albany PTA Council

By Belinda Lum

The following article is republished from the Albany High School PTA Newsletter:

### Arts Visualized in AUD

The Albany PTA Council's Nov. 17 meeting to discuss the visual and performing arts was stimulating and well attended by district personnel, including Assistant Superintendent Constance Hubbard and district arts instructors Meg Brady, Ellen Goldman, Ed Hill, Tom Lilienthal, and Sarah Samonsky, and Bob Slous.

The meeting's starting point was the California State Framework for

the Visual and Performing Arts. The framework states that arts education in the four disciplines of dance, music, theater, and visual arts has intrinsic value in such areas as: teaching students to create and appreciate all forms of art, affording students an opportunity to learn about their own and other cultures, and developing intelligences beyond the logic and language skills demanded by most academic subjects. A copy of the state framework will be available soon at the Albany Library.

A report on the current state of the arts in AUD, compiled by coun-

cil members, was reviewed, comparing classes and expenditures in the district from 1989 to the present. The report is available at the Albany Library or by calling Karen Carlson Olson at 524-7004.

Some of the ideas discussed included: more consistency in arts education for the elementary grades; allocation of resources for materials for classes (currently about \$8 is spent yearly per visual arts student at AHS); attention to arts curriculum needs when planning new facilities; and evaluation of electives at the Middle School to provide feeder programs for high school

classes.

Several representatives of the Albany Arts Council attended the meeting and are interested in raising community awareness and increasing arts programs in the schools.

A few parents also expressed interest in the possibility of pursuing grants or a parcel tax to help fund the arts in Albany. PTA Council president Kay Weinstein reassured the audience that the council will continue to look at avenues for improvement. For more details or to give your ideas, contact Kay at 525-0363.

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# Arts & Letters

## East Bay Events

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...Gani? Kujichagulia! Second day of Kwanzaa, celebrates self-determination will be observed at Berkeley Public Library's West Branch (1125 University) on Friday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. Award-winning storyteller Awele Makeba will provide background on this special observance, and will present stories which reflect the values and traditions of Kwanzaa. Details: 6870.



Awele Makeba

### Original Christmas musical

Contra Costa Civic Theater presents the original musical "A Christmas Wish Come True," directed by Rebecca Hesla, on Dec. 18, 19 and 20. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Dec. 20 performance, which is at 2 p.m. CCCT is at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Admission is \$3. Tickets: 524-9132.

### Rehearse with the Choral

Come sing Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, Alice Parker's *Westminster*, Robert Ray's *A Gospel Mass* with the Contra Costa Choral. Rehearsals are Mondays (starting Jan. 5) at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St., in El Cerrito from 7:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Do you love choral music? Have you sung in a chorus before and would like to start singing again? The audition is brief and very informal. Everyone is welcome. Details: 527-2026.

### Another Hubbard comes to Berkeley

Another Hubbard, a new play by Ishmael Reed, directed by Carla Kopp, starring the Arrowsmith Players will be performed today and tomorrow at the Black Box Theater, Room 7, Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus (near Bancroft/Telegraph). Performances feature a vocal group and Q&A with Ishmael Reed. Where: Tickets: \$3 general, \$6 general, available at the theater. Reservations: 540-0440.

### Holiday Magic for kids

The Buddy Club presents Holiday Magic, a show for kids and parents. Click the Magician and singer Lisa Atkinson on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Admission is \$6 general; free age 2 and under. Details: 524-9283.



Lisa Atkinson

### Roots of jazz

Dance to the World Beat, Dec. 21, 10 to 4 p.m. at the Lawrence Hall of Science in an afternoon of education through dance and song of the roots of jazz from its earliest beginnings in Africa to its influence on contemporary Western music. With W. Wainwright, Pavia Kujichagulia and the Kairos Youth Ensemble. Bring your dancing shoes and dance along to the beat. Held in conjunction with the current exhibit "Mostly Music." \$5 after museum admission. \$6 general; \$4 seniors, students and children age 7 to 18; \$2 children age 3 to 6; free children under age 3. Concord Drive, University of California, Berkeley. Details: 642-5132.

### Free kids' movies at the Elmwood

Children are cordially invited to a morning of free movies at the Elmwood Theatre this Saturday, Dec. 20. Featured attractions are *The Nutcracker Prince* and Disney's "Mister Toad's Wild Ride." Showtime runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elmwood Theatre, 16 College Ave. Seating is limited, tickets are required. Call 841-1111. Event sponsored by Councilmember Polly Armstrong and the Elmwood Merchants Association.

### For your spirits

Let the sounds of a joyous Vivaldi trumpet concerto with Dana Murphy lift your spirits. The Bella Musica Orchestra will then be joined by chorus and soloists (Jillian Khuner, Julia Perani, William Gorton, Richard Mix) to conclude this celebration with Mozart's thanksgiving offering for St. Joseph's recovery, his Great Mass in C minor. 8:20 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison. \$10 donation is requested. For more information, call Arlene at 525-5393.

### Noted pianist sits in

Pianist Rieko Aizawa will be the guest artist with the New Century Chamber Orchestra Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 8 Channing Way, Berkeley. This group, which performs without a conductor, incorporates live staging and lighting techniques in their performances. The program includes works by Handel, Mozart and William Walton. Tickets: \$24.50 general; \$10 youths age 17 and under. Details: (415) 4400.

### Roll on his way

Political humorist Will Durst brings his annual year end comedy tour to the Julia Morgan Theater Dec. 28. This year's show features: Deb and Mike with improvisational skits based on audience suggestions from this year's headlines; Steven Kravitz, *The Dark Side of Sardonian Wit*; magic, comedy, dance, mime and juggling in Ken Sonkin and C-SPAN's number one viewer Barry Weintraub, who wields his political knowledge and turns a microchip's worth of information into comedic jabs sparing no one. That's Sunday, Dec. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center For The Arts, 2640 College Ave. Tickets: \$12, are available at Willows Tickets, Willows Shopping Center, Concord or charge by phone at 798-1387.

## A 'Nut' to remember

By Carol Egan

For sheer enjoyment, Mark Morris' *The Hard Nut* is hard to beat. This campy and lusty version of the holiday favorite offers joyous dancing, superb pop-art sets and costumes by Adrianne Lobel and

The Mark Morris Dance Group performs "The Hard Nut," through Dec. 21. Admission: \$24 to \$48. Dec. 13 and Dec. 19, 8 p.m.; Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, 3 p.m.; Dec. 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. Details: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

performed by the Berkeley Symphony conducted by Robert Cole (who also happens to be the Director of Cal Performances). The production can be seen through Dec. 21 at Zellerbach Hall.

Though the outline of this Nutcracker

See NUT on page 20 A 1960s setting provides a major twist.



## A family jazz pairing to reckon with

Faye Carol and the Kito Gamble Sextet Friday, Dec. 19 at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. Tickets are \$12/advance, \$15/door. Details: 849-2568.

By Wanda Sabir

Faye Carol is a singer who makes whatever she sings her own, be it a ballad, jazz standard, or blues favorite. Once Carol wraps her sultry alto voice around a tune it's changed forever. Known as "the Bay Area's most versatile and creative stylist," I knew of this artist before I heard her for the first time, two years ago, at a blues concert at Berkeley Central library. Pianist, Ed Kelly, the headliner, spotted Carol in the audience and invited her up to sing a few numbers — it was, to say the least, memorable.

Carol says that she only "sings songs she likes." After all, if she performed a song she hated and it became a hit, she'd be stuck singing it forever. This year at La Pena's on Valentine's Day, she and daughter Kito Gamble's sextet treated the



Faye Carol and Kito Gamble.

love-birds and the love-bird wannabes in the audience to an evening worth remembering — what with Kito pounding those bass lines vigorously with her fists while mom's vocal arrangement alternated phrasing, tone,

modulation, as she strutted around the stage in a sparkling sequined affair.

Equally at home with a Bessie Smith tune as with one by Nina Simone, Abbey Lincoln, Gladys Knight, or

Mary J. Blige, Faye Carol has been known to just as easily rock the house with a Charles Brown "Merry Christmas Baby" or a B.B. King, "Do the Same Thing." There is a warmth that effuses Carol's performances. It starts in her eyes and voice, covers the stage, then spills over into the audience. Daughter Kito Gamble, is an appropriate foil for all this as she too reflects the musical love affair going on, on stage.

Carol and Gamble, are often described as the "Judds of jazz and blues," referring to the country western duo of Naomi [now retired] and Wynonna Judd. Carol, though, who's been singing for over 30 years, has not retired, even after laser surgery a couple of years ago to remove a cyst from her vocal cords threatened to put her out of business. Carol fooled us all by bouncing back even stronger. Check out her latest CD, "The Flow," if you need proof.

I spoke to both mother and daughter last week about their careers, life together on stage, and the upcoming La Pena concert on Friday, Dec. 19.

Carol was pursuing a career

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## Sheen headlines benefit 'Christmas Carol' reading

For Martin Sheen, who performs in "A Christmas Carol" in Berkeley this Sunday, the tale recalls his personal nightmare and later commitment to the dreams of Berkeley pediatrician David Coady whose organization provides health care and educational assistance to people living in poverty.

Drawing upon his impoverished childhood which included 10 hour work days at age 12 while his father languished in debtors' prison—Charles Dickens called "A Christmas Carol" his "sledgehammer" against poverty and the callous attitude of the wealthy toward the urban poor.

The benefit performance of

the Yuletide classic at Martin Luther King Middle School is presented in the form favored by Dickens, an oral reading of the original manuscript. Sheen plays counterweight to Oakland Actor Owen Murphy's Scrooge while Samantha Langevin's narration draws modern parallels to today's social context.

Despite the critical acclaim for his performance in *Apocalypse Now* in the late 1970s, Sheen's personal life had become a nightmare of alcohol abuse leading to a heart attack at age 42. A chance meeting at the Venice Free Clinic in Los Angeles in 1980 of Sheen, looking for a new direction in life, and Dr. Coady, seeking a



Dr. David Coady, Martin Sheen and San Carlos Foundation board member Fr. Bill O'Donnell at the Nevada Test Site.

way to bring public health professionals directly to those most in need, began his conversion. On his way to film *Gandhi* by way of Africa, Sheen was referred to Coady who routinely dispensed immunization shots to travelers bound for Third World

destinations. When Coady mentioned she would be leaving shortly to direct health care services at a Ugandan refugee camp, she invited him to visit. "I showed him the work I was doing," said Coady during a recent interview at her Berkeley home, "and he got interested. When we hooked up six months later, he wanted to give me his pay for *Gandhi* to fund my work."

This modest beginning became the model for the San Carlos Foundation, with its focus upon placing skilled, language proficient volunteers precisely in the local settings where they felt they could do the most good.

With Dr. Coady as Executive Director and Sheen as a founding board member, the San Carlos Foundation currently supports 21 volunteers from the Guatemala rainforest to

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## Hausmusik presents concert of lesser-known Christmas music

On Saturday, Dec. 20, Hausmusik presents its annual holiday concert, *Jubilate!* Continuing its tradition of presenting some of the more intimate and lesser-known repertoire from the season, Hausmusik will explore a number of traditional ways in which music has been used to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. The concert takes place 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (between

Curtis and Nielson) in Albany. *Jubilate!* features Elizabeth Rau, soprano; Eileen Hadidian, recorder, flute and harp; Shira Kammen, violin, viola and harp; Natalie Cox, lever harp; and Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba.

Tickets are \$16 general, \$13 seniors and students, and include refreshments. Advance reservations are recommended, as this popular holiday concert tends to sell out. Call 524-5661

for more information or to make reservations.

A large part of the program focuses on Christmas in the British Isles, with medieval and traditional carols, and instrumental pieces from England, Scotland and Ireland. In early medieval times carols were part of an oral tradition; most were committed to manuscript only in the 15th century. But they are also part

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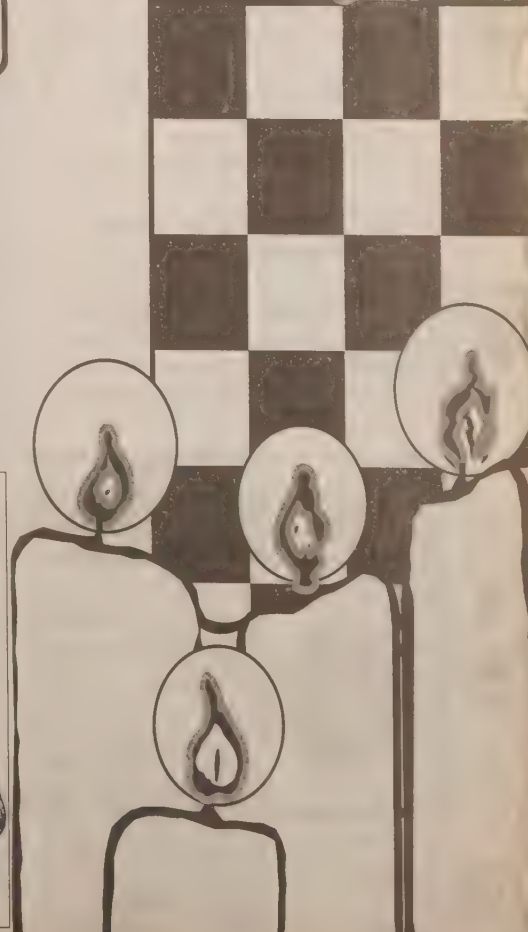
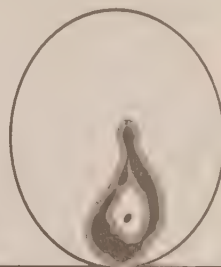
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## Nut

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traditional versions, there are distinct differences. To begin with, the usual Victorian bourgeois household is replaced by a gaudy suburban one of the 1960s. Bell bottoms and miniskirts, ruffles and polka dots abound. In addition, Morris includes E.T.A. Hoffmann's tale of the Nutcracker and Mouseking, a macabre story that is generally not so well known. Throughout the production, as in many of his others, Morris seems indifferent to gender type-casting. Mother and maid are played by men while snowflakes and flowers are totally mixed, though uniformly costumed.

The Stahlbaum family, the household's residents, consists of a super-matriarch (danced to perfection by Peter Wing Healey en travestie), nerdy father (Barry Alterman, who also serves offstage as General Manager for the Mark Morris Dance Group), and three bratty kids: Marie (Marianne Moore), Louise (Tina Fehlandt), and Fritz (June Omura). Bossing all of them around is the Housekeeper (Craig Patterson, also in drag) who stalks about, almost never descending off full point. While the kids watch cartoons on television, Mother Stahlbaum anxiously makes sure everything is prepared, taking an occasional swig to calm her jangled nerves.

Guests arrive, filling the room with hyperactivity of all sorts — dancing, drinking, flirting, squabbling. Everywhere one looks there is a little show-within-a-show going on. It's like a three-ring circus, only more amusing. Morris himself, as a particularly Elvis-looking character, lurks upstage, drinking himself slowly into a stupor.

Last of the guests to arrive is the elegant, somewhat lecherous, Drosselmeier (Rob Bessner whose every move and gesture is executed with style and clarity), elegantly costumed in red velvet jacket, over a black velvet vest and red plaid pants. Drosselmeier introduces the family and guests to his animated dolls, a life-sized Barbie and Robot, then distributes gifts, including a Nutcracker, to the children. The impetuous Fritz breaks it almost immediately, but Marie soon mends its wounds.

When the party has ended and everyone has retired for the night, Marie comes downstairs to see if the Nutcracker is all right. Suddenly a trio of giant, remote-controlled rats with blazing red eyes surround and threaten her. She is frightened even more when everything in the room grows to giant proportions and a battle breaks out between the now life-sized dancing rodents and some G.I. Joe soldiers. After killing the Rat King, Marie falls unconscious.

What follows is one of theater's most magical moments. A snowstorm arises and the stage is suddenly filled

with the whirling and leaping of multitudes of tutu-clad snowflakes with bare midriffs and little turban caps. Rushing from wing to wing, they fling fistfuls of confetti into the air. The space is filled with rushing bodies against a speckled black and white backdrop, creating puffy explosions of white droplets. All of which is exquisitely timed to match the music. As the snowflakes gradually settle into slow stationary spins, Drosselmeier slowly struggles through the snow as the curtain descends on act one.

In act two Drosselmeier recounts to the recovering Marie the story of the Hard Nut. In the story, a nasty Rat Queen destroys the face of an infant Princess while asleep. The Rat Queen explains that the Princess will regain her own lovely beauty when a young man cracks the Hard Nut. But first of all, Drosselmeier must find the nut. The search for the hard nut takes him around the world (cleverly symbolized by flashing lights on a map of the world.)

His journey takes him to foreign lands where diversissements are found: Spain (a duet between a bullady and a toreador), Arabia (Mark Morris delicately dancing a veiled harem hussy surrounded by tent-like guardians), China (one of the least interesting and most traditional of the evening's dances), Russia (a colorfully clad double troika of pseudo-folk dancers), and France (two chicly costumed couples prancing and posing with props — a baguette, a hatbox, a riding crop and a fashion magazine). Drosselmeier finally finds the Hard Nut when he returns back home.

Suitors come to try to crack it. After several fail, the young man (Drosselmeier, Jr., crisply and stylishly danced by William Wagner) tries and succeeds. Once the spell is broken, the Princess regains her beauty. Meanwhile, Marie has fallen in love with the young Drosselmeier. In celebration Mrs. Stahlbaum, aka the Queen, initiates the Waltz of the Flowers, a kind of Ode to Pollination, in which a chorus of flowerlets, costumed in very short upside-down petal dresses, droop and sway, enact waves of movements from front to back or side-to-side in parallel lines, and frolic about, all the while surrounding the mincing and bourréeing Queen Stahlbaum.

As the front drop lowers, two of the Stahlbaum kids are seated again in front of the television, watching Marie and young Drosselmeier kiss on the screen. The maid enters to shoo them off to bed, leaving us to watch the credits for "The Hard Nut" as they roll across the TV. Finally, the maid turns the set off and exits.

This is a rare case of a Nutcracker that deserves repeated viewing. For those who have never seen another version, this may be a cultural shock. For those used to the sweeter, more conservative fare, it will undoubtedly be a relief.

## Pairing

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electronics, but despite good qualifications, the color of her skin kept her from finding work. So she decided to "sing or perish."

Her big break came shortly thereafter when she won a talent contest in 1965 at the Oakland Auditorium. The prize was a two-week engagement at the Zanzibar Room at the California Hotel in San Francisco with the R&B bands of Johnny Talbot.

At about 19 years old, Carol had ample musical preparation (formally in school, church, and college choruses, and less formally from listening to music outside of clubs on the infamous Black Diamond Street in Pittsburg). With a laugh, she says of herself at that time, "I was young, [ready], and energetic." Carol had lived with her grandmother in Meridian, Mississippi, before moving to Pittsburg to be with her parents and siblings, when she was 10. A small-town country girl at heart, one can still hear the roots of Carol's music in her songs.

Carol continued to chase the music while a student at Diablo Valley College, frequenting the Jazz Room in Pittsburg and The Gallery in Pacheco, where she sat in with pianist Martha Young (Lester Young's niece), learning many of the songs she would need later on when she became the decades, 1965-1975, "most in demand female soul singer."

It was on one of these sets that Carol met her future husband, guitarist and flutist, [now deceased], James Gamble. During this period, Carol was torn between her pop-star image and her musical passion. "Musicians had the reputation of dope addicts and wayward people," she says. Gamble told his wife that not only was a musical career just as honorable as a medical or engineering pro-

fession, he also helped Carol settle into a definitive style that has served her well these last decades. "If all else fails," James Gamble said, confirming his wife's choice, "your culture is made from you and your people, (an inexhaustible resource), unaffected by fad or trend."

James Gamble, who designed and taught the "History of Black Music" course at UC Berkeley, was also a music teacher, a composer, and an arranger. He had little Courtney Kito Kamil (Swahili for, "flawless jewel") Gamble at the piano by age 3.

Kito says of her dad, "He wanted me to be able to support myself and what he had to pass on was music. It wasn't something that I liked all that much. It was something that I kind of went through." Went through until the "talent and performance bug" mated" and little Kito found herself onstage with mom at the Great American Music Hall, in 1983, asking if she could play a couple of songs.

Well after Faye Carol got over her shock enough to nod yes to Kito, the girl proceeded to "take over the house" with renditions of "Blue Moon" and "After Hours." Gamble muses, "I liked that feeling (of) making people happy with my music and I've been getting the house ever since."

When the Kito Gamble Berkeley High School Alumni Band performed at Kimball's East in '91 to raise funds for the BUSD music programs, she got the house again. This time for her original compositions and arrangements. Kito liked playing with a sextet, so she kept a band together, still featuring various Berkeley High alumnus. A few years ago though, mom turned her trio over to Gamble, along with the business side of their careers. Gamble, who has been playing professionally with mom since she was 16, enjoys the challenges these added responsibilities pose.

Gamble credits two teachers, her father and the late Eugene Gash of

the U.C. Berkeley

Young Musicians Program for her playing skills. These two men exposed her to all kinds of music — "from Bach blues," she likes to say.

Friday evening Kito Gamble will be joined by Mark Wright on trumpet, Howard Riley on tenor sax, Charles McNeal on alto sax, Fred Harris (who is also an outasight pianist) on drums, and John Christensen on bass.

Both Mom and daughter have eclectic tastes that not only spans the classics of jazz and pop, but the stuff in between as well. A short list includes artists, McCoy Tyner, Otis Span, Ray Charles, Herbie Hancock,

Tupac Shakur, Thelma Houston, Albert Hunter, Sarah Vaughan, James Brown, Toure Randle, Eric Burdon, Faye Carol, Sextet plan, that spans a kinds. "They, Gamble or for her new seasonal stockists will be Behn Irving, will be taped, Berkeley Can

## Sheen

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community gardens in Havana. Coady draws no salary and the nine board members share all the administrative work and expenses. The foundation relies solely upon holiday craft sales, voluntary donations, and occasional benefit performances such as this Sunday's event.

The reading is Dec. 21, 7

## Concert

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ous feast days, the changing of the seasons and other rituals.

Rounding out the program will be a set of Spanish songs from the New World.

Rounding out the program will be a set of Spanish songs from the New World. The story of music and culture in the Spanish American colonies is that of an encounter between two worlds, that of Spain and the indigenous Indians of the Southwest, Central and South America. Early Spanish missionaries encouraged the

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## Goings On About Town

Submissions to Goings On About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are space-available basis.

children

**Dec. 21**  
Buddy Club's 11th Anniversary Extravaganza; 11 a.m.; magic show; Dick Queirolo and Larry Atkinson; all shows are for children ages 2 through 10 and adults. At the Albany Community Center, 3249 Marin Ave., Albany; Ticket: \$6 per person.

**Dec. 25**  
"Green Latkes" and other Hanukkah Traditions; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; told by Seth Castleman; Also, an afternoon reception for "Chag Sameach: Perspectives on Jewish Holidays" Museum/School Collaboration. At the Magnes Museum, 2911 St. Berkeley, 549-6950; No admission, but a suggested donation of \$3.

**Ongoing**  
UC-Berkeley Research Project: Health and Behavior; specialists in childhood health and development at Berkeley's Child Study Center are working for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project. Children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be available for one visit to UC Berkeley's Child Study Center. Participating families will be compensated \$15 for their time. For more information call 643-2200.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**  
Dec. 21: 1-4 p.m.; Dance to the World Family Concert; sit in on a session and explore the roots of Jazz from its beginnings in Africa to its influence on contemporary Western Music.

Dec. 22: Science Video Festival; through Jan. 4, 1998; take a break from the holiday rush to contemplate the planets, insects and animals, dinosaurs and other engaging topics.

Mostly Music; through Jan. 11, 1998; science rocks in this interactive exhibit for the whole family filled with hands-on experiences with sound and music.

Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642-5123; open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; \$6 adults; \$4 children 7 - 18, seniors, and students; \$2 for children 3 - 6

### Classes

**Dec. 20**  
Grief Education; 10 a.m. - noon; A 2 hour class about common grief reactions, individual differences, healthy mourning, and when to seek professional help. For the recently bereaved, people experiencing grief years after a death, and people who want to support a friend. Berkeley, call for exact location, 841-2930; \$10.

**Ongoing**  
The Art of Living Center; Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment; a gallery and gift shop offering original art and crafts. Each month the gallery section features different artists; 2905 Shattuck Ave.; 848-3736.

**Yoga at Noon;** Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518

**Introductory Yoga Class;** Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people

can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

**Health, Fitness & Community Education;** classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

**Salsa Lessons;** 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

**No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio**  
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**Brasilian Dance with Conceicao** Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

**World Beat Workout** with Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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### Community Events

**Dec. 18**  
Children's Fairyland puppeteer Lewis Mahlmann presents his 20th annual holiday puppet show; 3:30 p.m.; Recommended for preschoolers. At the Berkeley Public Library's South Branch, 1901 Russell.

**Dec. 19**  
1997 Telegraph Ave. Holiday Street Fair; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; through Dec. 24; featuring hundreds of California's finest artisans; Telegraph Ave. between Bancroft and Dwight Way. 287-9377 for more info.

**Dec. 20**

**South Berkeley: Holiday Feast for Homeless Family and Neighbors;** volunteers at 10 a.m. and noon; food and presents at 2 p.m.; help with decorations, serving food, presents, a visit from Santa Claus and a gourmet feast. Donations of food and money accepted. 1840 Woolsey St. Berkeley; 601-8217 for more information.

**Free Multi Cultural Musical Performances;** 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; a highlight of the Downtown Berkeley Season. Local Artists perform music and dances in BART Plaza each Saturday. Also visit the Berkeley Farmer's Market and Crafts Fair on the same dates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Veteran's Building Auditorium. Admission is free.

**Dec. 22**  
Christmas Party; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; presented by the Christ Lutheran Senior Center, 780 Ashbury Street near Stockton, 524-1050, 527-0389.

**Dec. 23**  
Seasonal Notes; noon; a collection of songs, poems, stories and sing-a-long carols to celebrate the spirit of the season; led by Sara Evinger. At St. John's Senior Center, 6500 Gladys at Lexington, El Cerrito, 237-3808.

**North Berkeley Senior Center**  
Dec. 18: 1 p.m.; Philosopher's Potluck with A.O. Sachs.

Dec. 19; noon - 3 p.m.; Holiday Lunch and Party; live music, Santa visit and refreshments.

Dec. 23; 1 p.m.; Everyyoung Performers Holiday Music Program; refreshments will be served.

Dec. 24; 10:45 a.m.; Open Discussion About the Holidays; with Alan Grill

Dec. 25; Center closed  
1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; for more information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center**  
Dec. 18: Holiday Program; 11 a.m.;

Ken Barnes presents Traditional Christmas Stories. Lunch prepared and served, and a Great books discussion will take place; Andre Gide's *The Immoralist*.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; call for the regular weekly schedule; 526-9146.

### Ongoing

**Dec. 18-The last day for mail going to the North Pole;** the Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is receiving letters addressed to the North Pole for direct delivery to the Clauses, in the mailbox at the Albany Community Center 1249 Marin Ave. Every letter submitted will receive a response.

**Sakura Kai;** meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please write to 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 for our regular weekly calendar. For more info call 465-9323.

**Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals;** Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center; Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

**Moms in Community;** Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially. Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Child-care begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

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Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

**Volunteers needed;** Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

**Volunteers Needed** to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

### Exhibits

**Ongoing**  
Kathleen Flannigan Gallery Now Open; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily; Acclaimed Berkeley artist with disability, opens her own gallery, at 1807 University Ave. at Grant, appointments may also be made by calling 666-0588.

**Art is Elementary; An Exhibit;** through Feb. 27; Selected works by young Albany Artists, aged four to ten; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Albany, 524-9283.

**Winter Light: Small Works of Art as Gifts;** through Feb. 1; Cecile's Moomchek Gallery, 1809-D (upstairs) 4th St.

**Off Center Gallery's Annual Gift Show;** through Dec. 30, at 2136 Oxford St. Berkeley. For hours and more info call 644-9695

**Berkeley Watercolorists and Friends: Annual Group Show;** Reception 4 - 6 p.m.; The show continues to run until Jan. 3, 1998. A show of bright and seasonal paintings. At Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley. See GOINGS, page 24.

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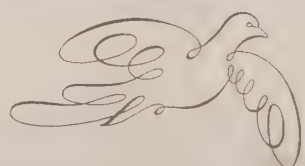
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#### Wednesday, December 24

6:30 a.m. Eucharist  
5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service  
10:00 p.m. Carols and Music  
10:30 p.m. The First Eucharist of Christmas

#### Thursday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Eucharist (No child care)

#### Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. Adult Education  
9:30 a.m. Church School and Nursery



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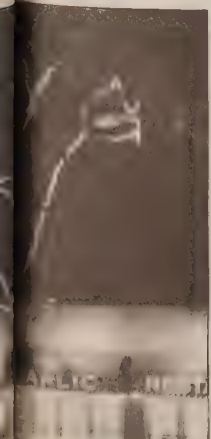
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4-6 pm: "LIVE HOLIDAY TREE" at Grace Baking, 1127 Solano

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s and Workshops

**Work:** 7 p.m.; Howard's site-  
ment is on view through  
discussion at the Berke-  
center 1275 Walnut St. Berkeley.

**Puzzle: Psychoanalytic**  
with Two Pre- and Post-Op-  
transsexuals; 12 noon - 1:30  
by Antonia Bercovici, Ph.D., a  
professor from the California State  
system and a private  
in Berkeley. At the Center  
Studies, 1398 Solano  
way; 524-0291.

**Folklore and Music;** noon  
by Zemtsovsky, Ph.D., vis-  
sor of Russian history and  
Berkeley, from St. Peters-  
speaking at the City Com-

mons Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley,  
848-3533 or 845-4725 for information or  
Reservations.

## Literary Events

Dec. 19

Poetry written and presented by  
Berkeley High School's English as a  
second language students; 7-8:30 p.m.,  
To be delivered in several languages with  
English translation; In the Central Li-  
brary Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge St.

Dec. 20

A Christmas Carol and Variations  
on a Christmas Carol at Berkeley's  
North Branch Library; 3 p.m.: The  
variations are wacky, irreverent and ex-  
tremely funny, better suited for ages 12  
and up; 1170 The Alameda, Berkeley,  
644-6850.

## Meetings

Dec. 23

The Holiday Seasons — it's rituals,

depression, commercialization, etc.:  
Every first and third Tuesday of the  
month; 7 - 9 p.m.; A discussion group is  
held at the Jewish Community Center,  
1414 Walnut Ave. at Rose, Berkeley,  
527-5332.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-  
Contra Costa West County Care &  
Share group; 7 - 9 p.m.; for family  
members of people with mental illness.  
At 2809 Wiswall Dr., Richmond. Call  
232-1136 for directions.

## Ongoing

**Overeaters Anonymous;** 7 - 8 p.m.  
Thursdays; OA provides free support  
through its 12-step program for  
overeaters, anorexics and bulimics. New-  
comers are welcome; Kaiser Hospital,  
901 Nevin, MOB II third floor, Rich-  
mond; for information call Stephanie at  
841-8562 or OA's information tape at  
273-9292.

**Berkeley Gray Panthers**  
Dec. 17; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Annual  
Holiday Party; featuring Julie Bidou,

Singer/Guitarist.

Dec. 18; 2 p.m.; Housing Committee  
meeting at the Berkeley Town House  
Community Room, 2550 Dana St. 548-  
9696.

**Bay Area Outreach and Recreation**  
Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every  
Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new  
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or older join with others for social activi-  
ties, fitness, excursions and fun; South  
Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger,  
849-4663, to sign up (nominal member-  
ship fee).

**McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club.**  
7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday  
of the Month; talking to yourself? McGee  
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cated to improving speaking skills and  
building confidence; Social hall of McGee  
Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St. Berke-  
ley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more  
information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics;

7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and  
third Thursday of the month; The Gay,  
Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to af-  
firm and to integrate sexuality and spiri-  
tuality in the Christian faith through the  
Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700  
Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berke-  
ley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-  
7718.

**Greater San Francisco Bay Area**  
chapter of the Alzheimer's Associa-  
tion; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of  
each month; offering help, information  
and support to families and/or caregivers  
of a loved one who has been diagnosed  
with Alzheimer's disease through their  
support group program; St. Paul's AME  
Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley,  
(415) 962-8111.

**Toastmasters on Campus;** 6:15 p.m.;  
practice public speaking in a supportive  
environment; every Tuesday; 2515  
Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Lard,  
643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355  
(w).

**TOPS;** 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off  
Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday  
evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond,  
Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates,  
235-0490 for more information.

**TOPS;** 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30  
a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets  
Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave.,  
Albany; 528-9056 (Paul)

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters;**  
6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills  
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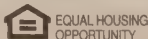
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## Watch the Jackets put up the heat

By Jelani Harper

If you're a sports fan and you just happen to find yourself near Berkeley High's gymnasium Friday night, watch out. Things could get just a little bit heated inside.

See, Berkeley's boys basketball team takes on Hogan at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and if tonight's game is anything like Tuesday's 79-66 scorcher against Fremont on the road, the home team fans are definitely going to be sweating this one out.

Never mind the fact that the Jackets lost, the score could have easily went the other way. The fact remains that against Fremont the Jackets played with an intensity that could've raised the roof off of any solid gym.

Oakland's Fremont is one of those run 'n' gun, fastbreak type of teams that is so popular in today's society where Air Jordans and Above The Rim T-shirts rule. The Tigers blew several chances in the open court by trading sure layups for misfired dunks, and when they did finally jam they got slapped with a technical because their fans were dancing on the court. Twice.

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## It isn't easy being green (with envy)

Everyone's out to get the defending state champ Yellowjackets girls.

By Jelani Harper

It ain't easy being the best.

**'When we play teams we're only playing half the time, so tonight's game allowed us to play longer which is good preparation for us going into Santa Barbara.'**

— GENE NAKAMURA, BERKELEY COACH

File '96 Berkeley girls basketball coach Gene Nakamura: 'The one thing that I'm going to concentrate on is having a tougher warm-up, because our girls are starting out too slow. So we're going to have a little workout before we start.'

And Berkeley's girls basketball team knows it. Last year's defending Division I state champion is facing a lot of pressure these days, from sources expected and not so expected.

For starters, there's always the pressure to repeat. How do you improve on perfection? When you're a contender there's always something for which to strive. When

you're content but to be perfect. Which can be on a team. But the Yellowjackets taking this season's title heat. See GREEN

## Are the El Cerrito boys ready for the big time?

By Jeff Sepulveda

CONCORD — El Cerrito's talented but young boys' basketball team got a taste of big-time East Bay high school basketball last weekend, but unfortunately for the Gauchos, the taste was not sweet.

In facing some of the Bay Area's top teams at the Chris Vontour Spartans Classic at De La Salle, EC was exposed as a talented bunch with more lessons to be learned.

The key moment came late in Friday night's semifinal against the host Spartans. After a first half where EC had thoroughly outplayed a scrappy, physical DLS yet managed a mere five-point lead, the Gauchos trailed, 44-43, with 25 seconds remaining in the game.

Electing to hold the ball for one shot, EC put the ball in the capable hands of Jovan Harris, running an isolation play designed for him to go one-on-one. Harris missed a turnaround jumper with 3 seconds remaining, DLS guard Brett Gingery,

all 5-foot-8 of him, grabbed the rebound, EC fouled, Gingery made two foul shots, game over. The final score: 46-43.

A victory over DLS would have meant a primetime matchup against powerful St. Joseph in Saturday night's final, with all of Northern California's eyes on the outcome. Instead, EC was stunned by a smaller, less talented, but seemingly more motivated team.

The tournament started well for the Gauchos, as they dominated a much smaller Serra (San Mateo), to win, 67-48. Six-9 center Andrew Gooden and the 6-3 Harris, paced EC as usual, scoring 16 and 12 points, respectively. Guard John Carleton had a breakthrough game offensively, contributing 18 points for EC which led by 19 after three quarters.

Friday night brought the Gauchos center stage against DLS, with a sold-out partisan crowd cheering the hosts. The Gauchos spotted DLS the first seven points before coming

back with an 11-4 run keyed by a pair of Gooden 3-point buckets to tie the game.

Six points off the bench by Carleton, and an alley-oop dunk by Gooden, capped a 12-0 second quarter blitz and put EC ahead, 23-14, just over three minutes into the period. The Gauchos then proceeded to fall into a quarter-long offensive funk.

Through turnovers and poor shot selection, EC could manage a mere two points to finish the first half. The third quarter opened with much of the same, as EC managed four points in as many minutes to open the second half. After dunks by Harris and Myron Roy put EC ahead, 33-27, with 2:48 remaining in the period, the Gauchos offense turned dormant again, managing three points in the next seven minutes.

With little inside game, DLS was no juggernaut offensively. But the

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Andrew Gooden played well in the DLS tourney but he didn't start against Vallejo because he arrived late.

## Small Cougars have problems

By Jelani Harper

It looks as if Albany's girls basketball team has a lot of problems.

At least judging by the preseason has shown. With plenty of talent, Albany has a lot of problems on its young team. One player who stands out is Kisha Frank, who is taller than six feet. Cougars face larger opponents and tend to come up short.

Particularly on the area where the Cougars and speed doesn't help them. It's hard to get face in the paint with

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## Albany girls basketball undercut by overwork

By Jelani Harper

Just when it looked as if the Cougars were starting to find themselves, they go and lose a couple of players.

It's a shame too, because Albany's girls basketball team (4-4) had recently put together two wins in succession before going into last weekend's Sacred Heart tournament. However, somewhere in between Friday's win over Marin Academy and Saturday's loss to Wallenberg, the Cougars found themselves minus four players.

So when the Cougars compete in this weekend's Pinole Valley tournament, it's unsure exactly who will be on the floor for Albany. For certain the Cougars will be without Jill Chung, who was hospitalized Friday night and will likely miss the rest of the season due to appendicitis.

Then there's the case of the Yamamoto's, Kimi and Miya, who start at guard and forward, respectfully. They couldn't make Saturday's championship game

against Wallenberg (San Francisco) because they had to work. On top of that junior Kisha Frank is having doubts as to whether she wants to continue to play. So, the Cougars had only two players on the bench against Wallenberg.

"Wallenberg was very organized, and they had a full team," remarked Cougars coach Sabrina Nagel. "So, of course, their coach had the option of pulling people out, and they put several people in foul trouble. We just ran out of steam, but I have no doubts that with our full team we would have taken the game."

Despite being vastly undermanned, the Cougars lost by only five points, 47-42, good enough for a second place tournament finish. The Cougars were trailing by two with 58 seconds left, when a sudden turnover enabled Wallenberg to hit a 3-pointer and put the game on ice.

"We played quite well," Nagel said. "Our defense stopped Wallenberg a couple of times. It was

about three or four minutes of defense ran out of them. So it was just a matter of when we lost the ball it went into a 3-pointer. If the Cougars had more players, they would do really well in Pinole. The narrow 47-42 loss in Pinole was a disappointment. We were ahead in the game, we were ahead in the game, they caught up. So we were there at the end with baskets. But we never fought all the way to the end and just took the loss. I'm hoping that we are eligible will continue regarding the Pinole. We played day and that's the day we have to work. But we don't take the team to this week. So anything about it, I'm anticipating it.

Jeff Lindquist Albany's Kimi Yamamoto, center, is getting squeezed between wanting to play basketball and having to work.





# El Cerrito's boys soccer is ready for ACCAL

Jeff Sepulveda

to a solid 4-2 start, El Cerrito's boys' soccer team enters the 1997-98 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season with high hopes.

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The goaltenders' best friend this season is junior sweeper Brad Moschetti, a returning starter and third year letterman.

The Gauchos have found a genuine offensive star in junior forward Keyshawn Fielder. Fielder has scored a whopping seven goals in the season's first six games and provides the attack on a defensive-minded squad.

As consistent as he is prolific, Fielder has scored at least one goal in each of EC's six games.

Senior Rigo Beltran is Fielder's running mate at forward, and is being counted on to provide offense along with Ursini and sophomore half-back Matthew Kucera.

The Gauchos have been impressive this season, winning their last four games after dropping their opening two. They are beginning to jell entering ACCAL play.

The key to the turnaround was drilling on fundamentals.

"We're steadily improving on our defense," said Gonzalez. "We started out pretty weak in the pre-season, but we've become much better at tightly guarding both the man with the ball and also cutting off the pass. We have also improved on our passing to the open man which has helped the offense."

Unlike basketball, where league teams often compete in the same preseason tournaments, and opponents' games can be squeezed in after practice, scouting soccer opponents is not easy.

partly because of our young backcourt."

Sophomores Darryl Robinson and Jon Ball bring the ball up for the Cougars, who employ a motion type of offense which has had limited success. "We still have faith in it," laughed Kagawa about his team's offensive strategy. "But we have to cut down on are turnovers, which will cut down on the number of shots the other team is taking. The kids are still hopeful and playing hard. It's a long season, we'll see what happens at the end."

The Cougars have a busy schedule this weekend. After the Swett game, they'll have a chance to avenge their Richmond loss Saturday at 5:30 p.m., then on Monday they travel to Benicia to take on St. Patrick's.

"What we need to work on is just basic stuff, nothing fancy," Kagawa explained. "What we're really working on is our own stuff rather than what the other team is doing."

## Green

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down to Santa Barbara to do something about it.

Knowing you can take it easy on the court does something to a player's mind. Why go all out when you can take the easy route to victory? But coach Gene Nakamura doesn't plan on watching his team go soft.

"The one thing that I'm going to



Kicker Dan Ursini hopes to bring football skills to El Cerrito's soccer team, too.

"I don't know how strong the rest of the league is this year, I haven't seen them (opponents) yet," said Gonzalez. "But Kennedy is the

team to beat"

"Our goal is to be among the top four in league and qualify for North Coast," he said. "While I haven't

seen a lot of teams, I think we have a good chance."

An early indicator of EC's chances in the ACCAL this season

will be the team's performance against defending league champ Kennedy in last Wednesday's scheduled league opener.

## Cougars

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ances taller than you.

when the Cougars take on Swett in Richmond Friday at 7 their defense is going to have a bit of a notch if they expect

weekend Albany's lack of offense hurt them in the Richmond Tournament. Its bigger opponents had no problem finding the over the smaller Cougars.

When we played against Dixon in the opener, they had two twin brothers who were about six-feet-tall," remarked Cougars coach Doug Kagawa. "One hit for points and the other hit for four, they were stepping on us in the rebounding. That exposed lack of height; we didn't get a second shot."

Subsequently, the Cougars lost, 20, in a game in which Albany and Greg Thornton scored a combined 25 points. The Cougars dropped the next two games, 44 and 71-57, to Richmond and Benicia, respectively.

We need to work on building a better defense," Kagawa said. Looking in the scorebooks and games against Richmond and Benicia they scored about 20 more points each than we would have had to have held them to. Then other things like turnovers, not having so many of those



Yellowjackets' coach Gene Nakamura barks out his orders to his state defending champion girls team.

concentrate on is having a tougher warm-up, because our girls are starting out too slow," exclaimed Nakamura. "So we're going to have a little workout before we start."

In Southern California the Jack-ets will open against Santa Ana's Mater Dei, one of the best teams in the state in the Santa Barbara Tournament of Champions. However, Jack-ets fans shouldn't think this is the competition for which their team is seeking. A couple of weeks ago the Jack-ets danced their way through Sacramento's Capital City Classic

without a scratch, despite facing bigger teams from Presentation and Santa Barbara.

So competition isn't guaranteed. But one thing's certain, the Jack-ets for sure won't find any competition around these parts. After this past Tuesday's 72-39 walk in the park past Pinole Valley, Nakamura talked about the frustration of playing weaker teams.

"I was glad it wasn't too high a score at halftime even though we're trying to get a points advantage," he remarked. "Because it enabled us to

play man pressure the whole game. Basically when we play teams we're only playing half the time, so tonight's game allowed us to play longer which is good preparation for us going into Santa Barbara."

Nakamura usually pulls his full-court press back to half-court when his team has too big a lead at halftime, so as to not embarrass the opposition. But the fact that the Jack-ets were up by 17 at the half and Nakamura continued to press full-court says something about the type of beating the Jack-ets are used to giving opponents.

## Heat

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So, into this atmosphere come the Jack-ets, a more traditional team that would rather play a zone than man-to-man coverage. But this night the Jack-ets ran with the best of them, and came fairly close to beating the Tigers at their own game.

Fremont opened the game blazing hot, but toward the end of the second period it became apparent that it was tiring fast. Its press no longer seemed to be firing the Jack-ets, its passes were beginning to get picked off, and yes, the Tigers were getting nothing but rim on their dunks.

And the Jack-ets stayed right on top of them. By the third period Berkeley even grabbed the lead a couple of times. Midway through it appeared to be in control.

But then something happened. The Jack-ets, who were out running and gunning, suddenly went cold. We're talking ice here. For the last three minutes of the period Berkeley couldn't buy a bucket, and it let Fremont regain control.

"We started making a few turnovers, and weren't hitting the big shots down the stretch," explained Jack-ets coach Shelton Mitchell. "We let some of their guys break away on us a couple of times, and their point guard hit some big 3s toward the end."

The Jack-ets made a last minute run in the fourth quarter, but they could get no closer than six points from the Tigers' lead. However, if they can keep up the intensity in their level of play tonight, they're sure to give Hogan quite a run

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# The anatomy of a basketball schedule

## How does Cal's men's team fill its hoop dates from season to season

By Scott Strain

The Cal men's basketball team plays host to Portland State Thursday at the New Arena and the Bears are looking for their first victory in the 1997-98 season.

**Men's College Basketball**  
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**New Arena**  
**Oakland**  
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Ever wonder how teams like Portland State, a Big Sky Conference school, wind up on Cal's schedule? How about North Carolina? Houston? In short, how does a team go about drawing up its schedule? How are the opponents determined?

In Cal's case, the majority of teams are already set. The Bears play a full Pac-10 schedule, which means 18 games (home-and-home) each season are already set. They play 27 games overall this season, which leaves nine dates open. Sometimes a team will play a couple of exhibition games against international teams as tune-ups for the regular non-conference schedule, but the Bears were prevented from doing that this season due to the terms of their one-year probation. They were forced to play their opener against North Carolina after just one formal scrimmage.

Many things are considered in selecting opponents. "You try and gauge your strengths and weak-

nesses and try to schedule teams that match up well with you," Cal coach Ben Braun said. "You want to schedule teams that will have fan appeal and that will showcase your program. Sometimes television (networks) will set up a game. There are many things that go into drawing up a schedule."

Most of the logistics of schedule-making are handled by Braun's assistant coaches, Scott Beeten, Charles Ramsey, and Louis Reynaud. They contact the teams, see what dates are available and set up the contracts.

Braun, of course, has the final approval. Athletic director John Kasser also has some input.

"It is good to have your players play at home, you definitely try and create as many home opportunities as we can," Braun said. "At the same time, to get quality home games, you have to go on the road. You try to play teams that will challenge you early, so you can find out where you are at (Cal is currently 0-4). You try to play teams that are competitive with you."

The Vikings of Portland, for example, are not slouches. They are 5-2, with a 59-54 win at Pac-10 Oregon. They played Arizona State, another Pac-10 school, tough for a half before losing, 83-66, on Dec. 6. They led Loyola Marymount, 37-31 at the half Wednesday night before falling, 88-84. They play at top-ranked Duke on Dec. 30 and their game against Cal is a continu-

ation of their two-game trip to California. Thus, Cal's first victory of the season is by no means assured.

"I really don't remember who made the first contact with Portland," Braun said. "I just know they wanted to play a number of Pac-10 teams."

Another variable this season and next is the availability of dates. If Cal was playing at the Haas Pavilion, which is currently under construction, the Bears would have first call on available dates. At the New Arena, Cal must work around the Warriors and any other non-sporting events that are held there.

Cal also doesn't schedule any games during finals week in December. As one can see, many things go into the scheduling mix.

"We try to vary or schedule somewhat from year-to-year and play some different teams," Braun said. "Some times it just doesn't work out. Sometimes it's who you know. I know Jerry Pimm down at UC-Santa Barbara and we may play them in the next couple of years. We know the St. Mary's (to whom Cal has lost this season) guys, we know the USF guys. We want to play a couple of local teams every year. It's good for the fans."

Football schedules are usually set years in advance. Basketball is more fluid in this respect, with the schedules being set season-to-season. Braun is currently working on the 1998-99 schedule. Many of



Cal coach Ben Braun

the agreements are reciprocal home-and-home agreements.

That means Cal fans will definitely see North Carolina, Houston and Rhode Island next season. Throw in those teams, a couple of local teams, the usual Pac-10 suspects, a tournament or two (USF plays Indiana, while Cal meets BYU in next Monday's Pete Newell Challenge at the Arena, while the Golden Bear Classic at the Arena Dec. 28-29 will feature Virginia Commonwealth, Cornell and New Hampshire) and a few surprises and there's your schedule. It's up to Braun & Co. to keep it interesting, and competitive.

## Ready

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Spartans had a trio of 3-point chucking guards who connected surprisingly often. Treys by Ginery and Gus Argenal capped a 17-3 DLS run and pushed the Spartans ahead, 44-36, with less than three minutes remaining.

A pair of Harris dunks and a Gooden trey brought EC to within 44-43, and set up the failed Harris attempt to give EC a victory.

After the game, EC coach Chris Huber was understandably forlorn. "We could have won, we should have won," he said. "We just made too many mistakes. I hope we learn from this experience."

Saturday's third-place game pitted EC against a mighty Vallejo team which boasted the 6-11 Wesley Wilson among four starters topping 6-4.

The Gauchos played the first quarter without Gooden, who was benched for arriving late, and promptly spotted the Apaches the game's first 11

points, and quickly

2. Gooden entered the second quarter played inspired, the lead to Vallejo dominated point, however, a 78-50 victory, winning.

"We came wanted to be the cause of it."

Tuesday night, Gauchos as they Valley and sent a 109-41 thrashing own nightmarish.

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## 1997-98 Cal Bears Men's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 18 Portland State	Jan. 15 UCLA*	Feb. 14 at UCLA*
Dec. 22 Pete Newell Challenge (USF vs. Indiana; Cal vs. BYU)	Jan. 17 USC*	Feb. 19 Washington State*
Dec. 28-29 Golden Bear Classic (Cal, Virginia Commonwealth, New Hampshire, Cornell)	Jan. 22 at Washington*	Feb. 21 Washington*
Jan. 3 at Oregon*	Jan. 24 at Washington State*	Feb. 26 at Arizona*
Jan. 5 at Oregon State*	Jan. 29 Arizona State*	Feb. 28 at Arizona State*
Jan. 10 at Stanford*	Jan. 31 Arizona*	March 5 Oregon State*
	Feb. 4 Stanford*	March 7 Oregon*
	Feb. 7 at Rhode Island	
	Feb. 12 at USC*	*Pac-10 Game

## Panthers lose Jones, they discover Preston

### Senior out with strained knee, so soph starts

By Jeff Sepulveda

CONCORD — This past weekend was a rough one for the St. Mary's High boy's basketball team. Not only did it lose all three games in in decisive fashion in last week's Chris Vontoure Spartan Classic at De La Salle, it also lost its leading scorer.

A trip to the orthopedist last Saturday morning for an examination of his ailing knee revealed that senior forward Duane Jones has a strained ligament and will be lost to the team for approximately six to eight weeks.

On a squad that was already floundering for veteran leadership and struggling to score points in a stalled half-court offense, the versatile Jones will be sorely missed.

SM's preseason odyssey resumed last Thursday with the Panthers slated to open the tourney by facing the host. In a field featuring regional powers St. Joseph, as well as Vallejo and El Cerrito, SM's selection to open against DLS was akin to being a handpicked homecoming opponent.

DLS did not disappoint the festive crowd, using aggressive play to lead, 10-3, after one quarter, and an amazing 34-7 after two quarters en route to a 60-31 drubbing. SM allowed DLS 10 3-point goals, including four in the second quarter to tiny DLS guard Darryl Walker, listed at 5-foot-6, who had 17 points.

On Friday, SM also fell behind early after coming out cold against Serra (San Mateo). Trailing, 28-19, at halftime, the Panthers launched a spirited comeback, led by sophomore Billy Heide's five 3-point baskets to get within 58-49. Jones contributed 12 points in what ap-



File '97 Sophomore Billy Heide broke out of his slump at the Spartan Classic, hitting 3-pointers to be named to the all-tournament team.

pears to be his last game until at least February.

In Saturday's consolation finale, SM played perhaps its finest half of the season against San Ramon Valley. Heide's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave SM a 13-11 lead after one quarter.

Sophomore forward Justin Preston, pressed into service after Jones' injury, scored 11 of SM's first 14 points of the second quarter. Senior center Gibran Duhe also stepped up with eight points in the period, and SM entered the break with a 32-31 advantage.

SM hung tough through the third, where Duhe added six more points, but SRV took control in the fourth quarter to post a 76-56 victory.

In what may be seen as just another 20-point smacking, SM showed flashes of immense potential. Preston finished with 18 points, while Duhe had 20, both career highs. On a team that has struggled

to break double digits in many a quarter this season, the duo of Preston and Duhe combined for 19 points themselves against SRV.

Heide also broke out of a season-long slump in his second varsity campaign. He followed up Friday's season high 17 points with three treys and nine points on Saturday. For his efforts, Heide was named as the SM representative on the all-tournament team.

After the tourney, SM coach Jose Caraballo was still thinking positively: "We played better as the tournament progressed," he said. "Billy Heide and Gibran Duhe started to come around for us, and Justin Preston played great. We came here to play the best. We want to be the best, and you have to play the best to get there."

SM's quest to be all they can, resumes Saturday at home in a rematch with Serra. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

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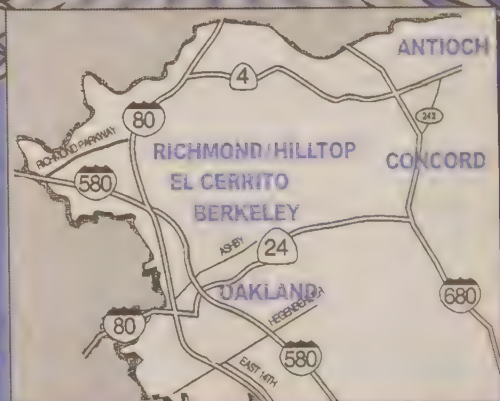
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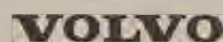


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## Benicia radiates Victorian charm

At the northern edge of the East Bay, across the Carquinez Straits from Martinez, is the remarkably well-preserved, historic community of Benicia. This unusually peaceful and attractive place is undoubtedly the most completely intact, Victorian era, small town in the Bay Area. To stroll along the bucolic streets of this lovely old village is to be transported back to the mid-nineteenth century, when Mark Twain was writing about "early pioneer" California communities like Benicia.

Benicia was the capital of California for a single year in 1853. The Old State Capital Building still stands at the corner of First and West G. Streets. Built in 1852, it stands as the best remaining example of a Greek Revival style public structure in California. Thomas Jefferson introduced this style to America in the late 18th century, and was in its waning years when it was imported to California at the beginning of the Gold Rush.

### Short-lived capital

Named after General Mariano Vallejo's eldest daughter, Yankees from the East Coast first settled Benicia in 1847, just after the Bear Flag Revolt and two years before the Gold Rush really got under way. By 1853, the new town had become sufficiently important as a deep-water port to be chosen as the state capital. But after only a single session in Benicia, the state legislature voted to move to the larger community of Sacramento.

During the wild and wooly Gold Rush decades of the 1850s, and '60s, the area at the lower end of First St. was a haven for bordellos and gambling dens. One of the town's best-preserved survivors of this colorful period, the historic Washington House Hotel at the southwest corner of First and West D streets was built about 1850 in the simple pioneer-box style.

During the early Gold Rush, or pioneer era, many prefabricated homes of various styles were brought aboard ships from back east and erected along Benicia's quiet side-streets. By far the most inter-

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here before it moved to Oakland in the 1870s. In 1847 the U.S. Army established the Benicia Barracks at the east end of town; the barracks remained an important military base until the 1920s.

The Benicia army base once housed such famous figures as Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman. Today, the base has undergone adaptive reuse as an indus-

### Victorian-era heaven

In addition to rare examples of pioneer era cottages and public buildings, Benicia also contains some superb specimens of the various later Victorian-era styles, such as Italianate, Stick, Stick-Eastlake, and Queen Anne. Among the two dozen or so Queen Anne towered villas remaining in Benicia, a handful still retain their original grounds and some of their original outbuildings.

One of my colleagues who also specializes in historic properties, Arlene Baxter, is the listing agent of an outstanding Victorian-era home in Benicia in its original setting: the Fish-Riddell-Schroeder Mansion. Franklin and Henrietta Riddell Fish built this exceptional example of the Queen Anne style towered villa about 1891.

Henrietta Fish was an accomplished painter, exhibiting some of her work at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The current owners still have a few of her decorative pieces and paintings. In addition, a member of her family designed a series of poppy-motif engraved copper panels that decorate the entry hall.

The Fish-Riddell-Schroeder Mansion, a California State Landmark, is unusual in having a set of

## Benicia was the state capital of California in 1853; the capital building still stands at First and West G. streets.

esting of these prefabricated pioneer homes is the Walch Cottage, at 235 East L St. This intact example of a Gothic Revival style cottage was constructed in 1849 in Boston, then shipped around the Horn and assembled on its current site later that year. Thus, the Walch Cottage qualifies as the oldest extant wood frame residence in the East Bay.

### Mills College original site

Benicia was also the site of several 19th-century private academies and prep schools. The original campus of Mills College was located

trial park, and many of the 19th century barracks and officers quarters have been fully restored.

At the turn of the century, Benicia's growth slowed. The red light district at the foot of First St. remained active until 1954, when it was closed down in a major crack-down on vice and corruption.

Today, much of the fascinating 19th century housing stock of this unique historic hamlet is being carefully restored by its owners.

Benicia is emerging as a popular spot for lovers of Victorian-era architecture.



Frank and Henrietta Fish built this exceptional Queen Anne style towered villa about 1891, a complete restoration.

original building plans. It also is one of the few houses in Benicia from this era to escape extensive interior alteration. Beginning in 1989, the current owners began a complete restoration of the property, but left many of the original details intact.

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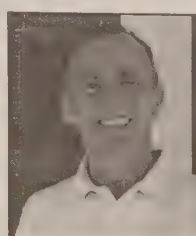
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## Wilson...

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of rooms intact.

## restored

was built, the mansion  
to have been con-  
with superior craftsman-  
Baxter takes special  
her clients' conscien-  
in maintaining and restor-  
property's original features.

clients carefully removed  
the original detailed mold-  
well as all of the plaster  
labeled them all carefully  
then stored them while they  
the walls. Once the exterior  
shear-walled and the  
walls re-plastered, they re-

placed all of the moldings — an  
arduous task," she said.

Tiles for the four fireplaces were  
similarly marked on the back, and  
then stored until the restoration  
could take place. The owners were  
especially fortunate to have found  
some tiles in a vintage storage build-  
ing on the property, thus allowing  
them to supplement them with only  
a few reproduction tiles.

## A jeweled-glass welcome

The original hardwood floors,  
with their intricate redwood ribbon  
inlays, were protected and then re-  
finished.

Old plaster brackets with elfin  
figures that adorned the entry hall  
were removed, the decorative  
arched openings rebuilt with cus-  
tom tools, and then the brackets

restored and replaced. The excep-  
tionally beautiful entry doors, with  
their jeweled leaded-glass windows,  
were also refinished and restored.

The owners chose the renowned  
Benicia firm of Bradbury and  
Bradbury to design custom instal-  
lations of period wallpapers for the  
entry room, the living room and the  
dining room. These papers were  
hand printed from period designs,  
and were installed in wonderful  
combinations of complementary  
colors and patterns.

In the dining room, a peacock  
motif serves as a frieze above walls  
filled with a willow pattern printed  
in metallic gold. In the entry hall,  
more than half dozen patterns work  
together, mostly in shades of teal,  
green, and rose. The overall effect  
of these period style wallpapers is  
very rich.

## Details and grandeur

Next to the kitchen, one finds the  
only major change from the origi-  
nal floor plan. Two pantries and a  
small porch have been rebuilt to  
accommodate a home office. The  
kitchen itself has been updated with  
all of the luxury features the most

demanding modern chef would ex-  
pect, while maintaining the warmth  
of an historic home. "This property  
now combines the best of period  
details and grandeur, with all the  
amenities one would expect in a  
modern home," Baxter said.

As a designated historic land-  
mark, this property is assessed only  
minimal property taxes (currently  
\$800 per year), thanks to a historic-  
property-preservation agreement  
under the Mills Act. This benefit  
will continue to be enjoyed by the  
next owners, as long as they agree  
to preserve the property as an his-  
toric landmark.

The mansion features four bed-  
rooms plus an office, two-and-one-  
half bathrooms, four fireplaces,  
a partially finished attic, and a fin-  
ished basement. There is a total  
living area of over 3,500 square  
feet, plus a three-car garage and  
workshop, a gazebo, rose trellises,  
and several original outbuildings  
within the fully-fenced property.

## Garden of Eden

The Fish-Riddell-Schroeder  
Mansion sits on a parcel measuring  
over one-half acre in what Baxter

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describes as the "Garden of Eden".  
Many varieties of fruit trees, in-  
cluding pomegranate, apple, fig, and  
loquat as well as olive, walnut, black  
walnut and almond thrive on the  
grounds. Modern and old roses,  
birds of paradise, and a succulent  
garden are featured, along with two  
stately, old palm trees that bracket  
the mansion in front, the last of  
more than a dozen that originally  
grew on the property.

An adjoining parcel of a bit less  
than one-half an acre is for sale  
separately. That parcel, not cov-  
ered by the Mills Act agreement,  
features a two bedroom cottage built  
in the 1920s, a storage building and  
a large parking area.

## An elegant survivor

The Fish-Riddell-Schroeder  
Mansion is one of the finest of a  
handful of elegant survivors of the  
upper class life-style of late, Victo-

rian Benicia. A visit to the hallowed  
streets of Benicia's historic district,  
with their pioneer-era cottages,  
imposing, old, public buildings and  
stately Queen Anne villas, will re-  
veal why this community has be-  
come such a popular dwelling place  
for families from all over the Bay  
Area who seek beauty, tranquility,  
and historic charm.

Anyone who would like more  
information about the Fish-Riddell-  
Schroeder Mansion, or would like  
to arrange a showing of the prop-  
erty, can contact Arlene Baxter at  
the Prudential California Realty  
Office in Berkeley, at 845-0200, or  
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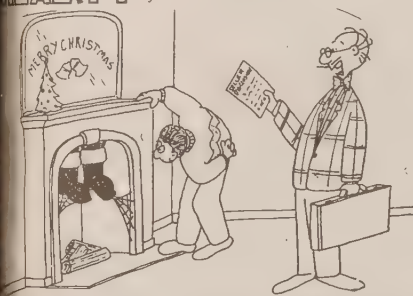
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4900 Proctor Ave. - \$500,000  
815 Prospect Ave. - \$390,000  
6360 Roanoke Rd. - \$385,000  
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677 Santa Ray Ave. - \$235,000  
21 Tate Terrace - \$255,000  
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5873 Clinton Ave. - \$90,000  
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2875 McBryde Ave. - \$160,000  
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1678 Keller Ave. - \$195,000  
944 Lynn Court - \$95,000  
16066 Via Alamitos - \$141,000  
16053 Via Segundo - \$150,000

**SALES STATS BY CITY**

**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 12

LOWEST PRICE: \$169,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$605,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$338,583

**ALBANY**

TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$175,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$162,500  
**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$264,166

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$169,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$270,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$202,166

**EL SOBRANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$229,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$177,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$252,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$184,000

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 42  
LOWEST PRICE: \$65,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,404,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,464

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 1

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000  
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**KENSINGTON** Open Sunday

1612 OAK VIEW AVE, Beautiful split-lvl, 2bd/1ba plus room, 1410 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X-137 SUNDAY 2-4

**PIEDMONT** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

19 HIGHLAND AVE, 3bd/2+ba grand brown shingle, sep cottage Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

**OAKLAND** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

9050 BROADWAY TERR, Montclair/New Medit. 5/3.5 w/west The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

6102 RUTLAND RD, New 4/2+1/2, 2 fpls, granite kitchen LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401 SUNDAY 2-5

812 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker Highlands 3+1/2+new kitchen The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

5910 LA SALLE AVE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, walk Village/Tahoe hills Montclair Better Homes, Jim Schubert 339-8400

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1443 EXCELSIOR, Glenview 2/1, new kit-roof-hdws-plus rm Montclair Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-8400

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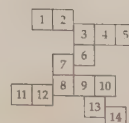


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# Choose your next agent wisely

Montclair Better Homes agent Mark Attarha sees it, and sellers in today's East Bay market finally have a choice.

Who also runs Better Realty on Leimert Blvd. recently acquired the Better office in Danville speaks years experience.

He says that buyers and sellers have the chance to choose skilled hands-on management at the local level and control the corporation from afar. "The choice is between a corporation while speaking in personal decision maker or the corporation run around done private voice mail."

Recent merger mania that is experiencing puzzles me with the name changes and personal service inherent in the corporation. We have been on this road before in the business when the corporation took precedence over the individual.

He points out that Better Realty is locally owned and committed to staying that way. "I will not be confusing the name with any name changes - we will not."

He is not going to be switching sides or owners; we will not

be surrendering local hands-on management at any step of the process."

The introduction of the new corporate image can demoralize an entire real estate office and cost clients literally thousands of dollars; money that the corporation keeps. Only the corporation wins, Attarha feels. A deterioration of morale frequently translates into sour relationships inside an office and brings about a lack of rapport with buyers and sellers.

And this is not all that is lost. Once commission schedules are adjusted to favor the corporations, many high-caliber agents will leave seeking to serve clients of local real-estate companies.

These national corporations hire a plethora of inexperienced agents willing to follow corporate cookie-cutter policy and as a result clients are misled while making the most important decision of their lives.

Attarha knows that high-caliber full-time professional Realtors with extensive knowledge of the local real estate market make the difference between a nightmare and a successfully closed sale. When clients need answers - answers that can directly affect the timely closing of an escrow - they are sometimes forced to wait until the real decision maker can be reached.

This is when the "voice-mail-run-

around" begins. Decisions made from a distance are not only time consuming, they can be quite impersonal and costly to the client as well.

"If one is preparing to have brain surgery, then great care must be taken in choosing the surgeon," Attarha said. "The same must be said of making the most important decision in someone's financial life. It becomes necessary to choose a professional that will bring the procedure to a successful conclusion."

From watching past mergers, Attarha also knows that what is being done now can and likely will be undone in the future. He recalls the time that all one had to do to get real estate, investment and insurance advice was to walk through the door of a department store.

"That is no longer possible," he points out. "The department stores, hotel chains and insurance companies get into the real estate business not just to maximize profit but to minimize the agents' commissions as well. And as surely as stock market profits are weaving today's real estate mergers, stock market losses will unravel them."

Large national corporations whose businesses are totally unrelated to local real estate enter the business failing to realize that sustained losses in this business

are quite unlike those they are used to; the same can be said for profitability.

"If a line of refrigerators is selling well, the department store can order more," Attarha said. "Or if a hotel chain wishes to become competitive in a certain area, it can build another hotel."

"But, however rich and successful these stores, hotels or insurance companies become, they can neither order nor build more real estate. And with their focus on profits, that are scarcely able to pay the commissions necessary to retain real professionals."

Attarha believes that it is in the buyers' and sellers' best interest not to treat the real estate business like the department store, hotel or insurance business.

"The agents and brokers at Better Homes know that, unlike other professions, real estate is a relationship business," he said.

"We build long-term relationships. We are not concerned with maximizing profit and increasing the value of the stock, rather our concern lies in maximizing relationships. This is what we have always done in the past; it is what we are committed to do well into the future."

Agents at Better Homes Realty average 13 years experience. With the 60 agents in Attarha's new Danville office added to the 30 in Better Homes Realty offices in Montclair and on Leimert Blvd., Attarha expects to gross \$160 million in 1997.

"We are committed to the communities we serve," Attarha said. "And I am especially committed to providing our clients with the service they deserve. This is not just a real estate company, it's my gold!"



Mark Attarha

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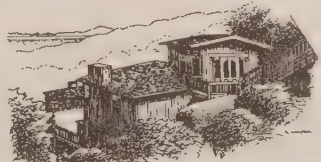
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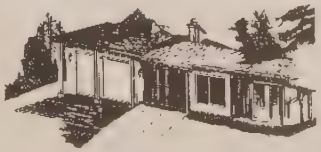
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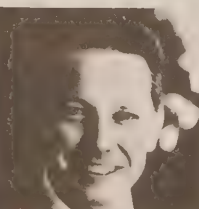
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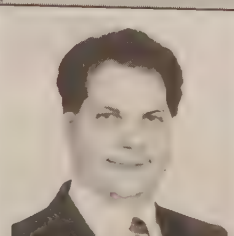
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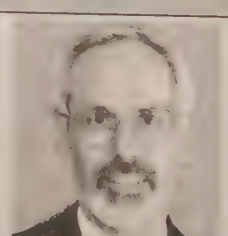
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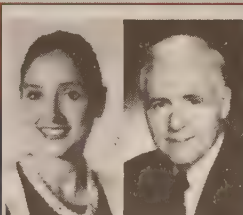
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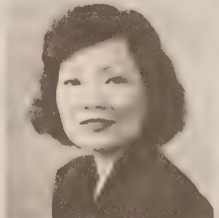
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to our  
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friends.*

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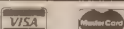
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### 101 Autos

KEEP IT LOCAL! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters/Police Activities League. We do pickup and paperwork. Tax deductible. 720-4956.

ACURA 1996 Integra, 10K, perfect condition, loaded, \$16,900! Negotiable. 251-8737.

ACURA 1990 Legend Coupe. Dark blue/tan. New leather, CD, 93K. Excellent condition. \$11,000. 832-4927.

ACURA 1988 Legend Coupe. Charcoal gray, automatic transmission, leather, 233K, excellent condition, dealer maintained, no accidents/dents, 1 owner, garaged, \$5,600. Evenings 6:00-8:00. 415-669-4700 ext. 3.

ALFA Romeo 1974 Spider. New Red paint, lots of restorations, very good condition. \$4500. Home 510-562-6713; work 510-705-7943.

BMW 1989 635CSi, 120K miles. MUST SEE! Beautiful in/out. \$12,500. 510-865-1782.

BMW 1988 528E Automatic, good condition. Loaded. \$6500. 510-793-9503.

CADILLAC Cimarron 1982 105K miles, original color, black exterior, leather interior, \$300 (510) 965-0201.

CADILLAC 1996 Eldorado, Full feature. #604752. \$29,880.

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CADILLAC 1988 Brougham, low mileage, full power, \$10,000. Good condition. 465-7451.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban Silverado, 4x4, All upgrades. \$35,800. \$20,880.

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CHEVROLET 1994 Cavalier Manual transmission, air conditioning, CD, stereo AM/FM clean inside and out. Red and ready! \$3950 or best offer. Call Ann at 510-215-6288.

CHEVROLET 1991 S-10 pickup, 4 cylinder, 5-speed, Blue, matching shell, bedliner, alloy wheels, 71K miles. Well-maintained, never used as a work truck. \$4,100. Days: 540-7477 ext. 308. Evenings: 685-3498.

CHRYSLER 1989 LaBonte Turbo-4. Fully loaded, all electric, 63K, Red Hot Christmas Red, excellent condition. Looks and drives like new! \$4500. 835-4527.

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Donate your vehicle to help refugee families. We can arrange pickup. Tax Deduction. Call JFCF-East Bay 510-704-7475 ext. 507.

DODGE 1996 Neon. Auto, ps, A/C, cassette, dual air bags. \$5913. \$5,499.

The New Broadway Volkswagen  
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DODGE 1990 Dakota, 5 speed, 6 cylinder, bedliner, AM/FM cassette, good condition, \$4,950. Best offer. 527-2493.

DODGE 1984 Van 250 3/4, 62K original miles, fully loaded. \$4000 or best offer. 510-439-0195.

EAGLE 1990 T. 5 speed, ps, A/C, cassette, alloys. #044826. \$5,688.

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FORD 1995 Ranger Super Clean! #A87477. \$5,499.

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FORD 1995 Mustang GT, V8, Black, 5 speed, low miles, CD, air bags, alarm, excellent condition. Needs someone to take advantage of its power. \$13,000. 510-465-6270.

FORD 1993 Aroster V-6, 4.0 liter, 7 passenger, 23K miles, fully loaded. \$8900 or best offer. 429-0224.

FORD 1992 Aroster XL extended, 7 passenger, 6 cylinder, 4 wheel drive, automatic transmission, air conditioning, cruise control, tinted windows, 119K, white. \$6700 or best offer. 510-526-9482.

FORD 1992 Explorer XLT, 4x4, All upgrades. #A40180. \$13,988.

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FORD 1992 Explorer XLT. Loaded with LEATHER! #B39641. \$12,788.

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FORD 1991 Explorer XLT, 4x4, Latest options. #B64878. \$11,989.

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FORD 1986 Thunderbird Turbo Coupe. Low original 54K, Automatic, power steering, power brakes, power windows, air conditioning, tilt, cruise, fully loaded, leather, mint condition, extra clean. \$4,000 or best offer. Must see! 408-435-7866. Days: 510-482-2143. Evenings: 510-382-6645.

FORD 1982 F-100 pickup, V-6, 3.8 liter, 3 speeds, 140K. Cherry red. Very clean, new. Sears Diehard, carburetor, clutch, Kenwood cassette stereo, Big O tires and more. Looks and runs great. Records etc. \$3695. 530-6853.

GEO 1995 Metro, red, 2 door, 12,000 miles, \$5000 or best offer. 268-8115.

QMC 1992 Safari Cargo Van, V8, A/C, ps, custom bumpers, excellent condition. 93K miles. \$5750. 510-556-1348.

HONDA Cars for \$100. Seized and sold locally this month. 1-800-522-2730 ext 2714.

HONDA 1988 Accord, 2 door, hatchback, great condition. \$2,800 or best offer. 789-0297.

HONDA 1987 CRX, 5 speed, 93K miles, A/C, new tires, complete service records. Reliable. \$3,200 or best offer. 482-3391.

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JEEP 1989 Cherokee Wagon. Has it all! #493266. \$11,880.

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LEXUS 1994 LS 400 Sedan. V8 4.0 engine, fully equipped, excellent condition, champagne color. 58K miles. Retails at \$33,425. Asking \$26,000. 510-556-1348.

MAZDA 1995 Millenia Sedan. Full options. #114486. \$17,880.

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MAZDA 1992 626 DX, 38K miles, very good condition. \$7500, or best offer. 654-1892 or 4516770, ask for Ken.

MAZDA 1991 RX7 Convertible. Has it all! #904022. \$13,880.

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MAZDA 1989 MX6 LX, White with blue interior, 2 door sports coupe. Automatic transmission, excellent physical and mechanical condition. New tires, service records available. \$3950 or best offer. 510-801-6544.

MERCEDES 1992 190e 2.6 liters. Excellent condition, white/parchment, new tires. \$18,000 or best offer. 339-7731.

MERCURY 1994 Cougar, runs excellent, 1 owner, 90K miles, fully loaded. Moving. \$1,900 or best offer. 510-445-0742.

MG 1988 GT, good mechanical condition, \$2400 or best offer. Call Mark: 510-531-3023.

MINI 1995 Eclipse RS, 45K miles, 5 speed, white, tinted windows, anti-theft, airbags. \$10,000 or best offer. 510-843-0933.

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DODGE Spirit V6 EFI, 1990, Low mileage, excellent condition, A/C, cruise control, \$5,800. FORD F-150, 1990, Automatic, A/C, very good condition, \$5,500 or best offer. 510-821-6669.

NISSAN 1997 200SX  
ONLY 6K MILES! Black with gray interior, tilt, 5 speed, AM/FM cassette, A/C, Warranty.  
Like new condition. \$14,750. 510-944-1749.

NISSAN 1994 Maxima GXE. Loaded. #251087. This price is LOW, LOW, LOW!

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NISSAN 1993 Sentra SE, 2 door, 51K miles, power steering and power brakes, AM/FM cassette. \$7000 or best offer. 510-439-0195.

NISSAN 1990 Pathfinder SE, All extras, #223284. \$14,680.

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OLDSMOBILE 1994 Luxury 98, evening blue, beautiful throughout, this is Oldsmobile's most luxurious and powerful car. \$9000. Shown only Sunday noon-2pm. 835-3747.

PLYMOUTH 1992 Laser RS 2 door, 5 speed, air conditioning, power brakes, new tires. 54K. Excellent Condition. \$4800 or best offer. 670-8913.

PLYMOUTH 1994 Sundance. Auto, ps, A/C, cassette. Clean Car! #209153. \$6,888.

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SATURN 1995 SL1, Blue/Black, 5 speed, AM/FM cassette, 32K miles, great condition. \$11,500. 843-1710.

SATURN 1992 SL2 Loaded. #148783. \$10,968.

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TOYOTA 1988 Tercel, 4 speed, 79K miles, A/C, great car. \$3000. 763-4662.

TOYOTA 1987 Camry LE. 118K, excellent condition, air conditioning, automatic, AM/FM cassette, sun roof, electric windows, new tires. 1 elderly owner. \$5000. 655-4114.

TOYOTA 1992 Corolla. 2 door, runs well. \$700 or best offer. 548-0660.

VOLKSWAGEN 1989 Cabriolet, Wolfsburg Edition, blue/blue, 126K highway miles, runs great. CC, PS, PB, A/C, AM/FM cassette. \$5,200 or best offer. 510-846-3348.

VOLKSWAGEN 1991 Jetta GLS. 16,000 miles, Recaro, teal, sunroof, air conditioning, ABS rims, 88K miles. \$7,250. 510-530-2307.

VOLKSWAGEN 1994 Jetta GL. Loaded! #202098. \$11,988.

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VOLKSWAGEN 1986 Jetta Trek. Loaded! #111189. \$13,888.

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VOLKSWAGEN 1995 Jetta GLS. LOADED! Only 34K miles. #167486. \$12,988.

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VOLKSWAGEN 1984 Golf GL. Loaded! #013287. \$9,988.

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### 102 Bicycles

SCHWINN High Sierra 16" Mountain bike, speedometer available. \$250 price negotiable. Good condition. Adria 547-8645.

2 SCHWINN Mirada road bikes. 15 speed, excellent shape. \$200 both or \$125 each. 420-0338.

**BULLETIN BOARD**  
As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Lost and Last ads free of charge (maximum 10 words for 2 weeks).

### 201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland.

### 202 Events

HYPNOSIS and the Psychic Arts. FREE demonstration. Spiritual Rights Foundation, Academy for Psychic Studies. Sunday evenings 6:30pm. 1-800-794-1991.

### 205 Workshops & Classes

SCULPTURE classes: clay, wax, mold making, etc. Figure labs Wednesday, Saturday. VanderZanden Studio. Diane 843-9445.

### 206 Found

FOUND Golden Retriever, female, Claremont Pines. 654-0673.

COCKER Spaniel, November 30th, Highland/Oakland Ave. Piedmont. Describe 415-665-3245.

DOG found, young Akita, November 28th, Keller and Skyline. Call 569-7194.

2 SMALL dogs, December 11th, Park Blvd. 530-4468.

FOUND Jason Apple's, Gray and white cat. 339-0670.

### 207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204.

ABANDON Kitty, now fat and seamy. Leukemia positive, needs permanent loving home. Free. Monique: 415-291-8576.

OLD English sheep dog, 2 years. Neutered. All shots. Some obedience. Wonderful dog! Donation. 835-7067.

PUPPY Yellow lab mix, Female. Looking for loving home, immediately! Donation. 336-086.

### 208 Lost

NEUTERED male Blue-Pied Siamese. December 4th, Galvin Drive, El Cerrito. \$500 reward. Setefrum 525-2346.

BLACK/White toad male. 6 months, collar, December 7th, Mountain View/Florence/Broadway Terrace. 547-0925.

SIAMESE, long-hair, blue eyes, 17lbs, male, light dark brown, neutered. Stockton/Avila, December 5th. 524-2995.

KEYS with auto opener. December 12th, Montclair/Sanval Post office. Reward. Call 482-1964.

CAT, lost December 2nd, gray/white, Castle Dr. Reward. 531-3634.

BLACK cat, 6 month male. Red collar/ tag-ID information. December 12th, Oakmores/Centerline. 530-6004.

## EDUCATION

### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

**CIRCLE PRESCHOOL**  
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

**SMILES DAY SCHOOL**  
Pre-school program 2-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick-up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830.

**TODDLER Family Program** enrolling ages 16-33 months, parent education and support, parent cooperative, 1-2 or 3 mornings per week; safe, nurturing environment; Thornhill Drive, Montclair. 339-1170.

### 303 Instruction & Tutoring

**A LEARNING PLACE**  
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500.

LEARN, live, and love Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Intensive Spanish language program for business executives, casual travelers, students. Ann, 510-531-4710.

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141. State Licensed instructor.

TUTORING: Credential teacher holding Masters in Education and reading specialist credential. Call: 530-8951.

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Personalized, on-site instruction and membership. Science, Mathematics, English, Spanish. 362-1628.

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**ACCOUNTING:** Downtown Low firm. Full-charge bookkeeper including A/P, A/R and computer literacy. Competitive salary. Robert 531-6282.

**ACCOUNTING/ Bookkeeper:** small insurance office. Full-time. Accounts payable/receivable. Handles multiple tasks, PC knowledge. Chinese speaking helpful. Downtown Oakland, near BART. 510-465-1128, fax resume 510-465-5566.

**ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant** for specialty dental practice. Computer knowledge, (Easy Dental, Excel, Word). Experience required. RDA preferred. 510-528-1420.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Experienced Administrative Assistant needed for President's office. Must be well organized with superior analytical and writing skills. Windows 3.1, Wordperfect 6.0 a must. Ventura a plus. Challenging position offers excellent salary and benefits.

**HYDRAULIC CONTROLS**  
Send resume to:  
Kelly Alder, Personnel  
P.O. Box 8007, Emeryville, CA 94662

**ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant** for small Berkeley consulting firm. 30 hours/week. Phones, MAC, Excel, Word, Data-entry, shipping, filing, travel arrangements, errands. Need car. Fax resume 510-649-2921.

**ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/ Receptionist.** Part-time position, 20 hrs per week. Customer service experience required. Send resume to: Business Service Manager, 921 Kalms Ave, Albany 94708. Or Fax: 510-525-1769.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** to executive Director. Fast-paced non-profit. Ability to handle multi-tasks. Screen calls, draft correspondence, the Organized, Microsoft/Windows literate. Resume/letter to: AA, 2538 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704. Deadline December 19, 1997.

**ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant:** busy North Berkeley home office. Professional, independent, dynamic, organized



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#### ASSISTANT TO REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Real estate newspaper seeks assistant for our advertising department. Part-time, approx. 10-12 hours per week. Tuesday, Wednesday and 4 hours on Thursday. Experience in word processing & 60 word exp. a plus. For more information call 510-433-4048.

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Must be computer and phone duties. Must be experienced in word processing skills. Busy Downtown Office. Real estate firm. Full-time; excellent working conditions. Send cover letter and resume to: Office Manager, 1778 17th Street, #200, Oakland, CA 94612; 510-433-7783.

### Help Wanted

#### EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST

Pre-employment training, job search/ resume assistance for persons with disabilities. \$22,600. Resumes to: J. Fredrick, 436 14th Street, Suite 218, Oakland, CA 94612. No calls. Deadline December 28, 1997.

### Help Wanted

#### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Leap Frog Toys, an Emeryville based company seeks full-time executive assistant in the Sales Department. Candidate must be highly organized with strong interpersonal and computer skills. Send resume to Leap Frog, Attention: Sales Assistant, 5741 Doyle Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, or fax to: 510-955-2478.

### Help Wanted

#### FUNDRAISERS!

Be paid while training to join the ranks of Stephen Dunn & Associates. We are seeking new and exciting people who want to make a contribution to the various charities and educational institutions that make a difference to the world we live in and the people we share it with. Salary plus bonus up to \$24/ hour; 2 blocks to Berkeley BART. Call now for new training class. 510-504-5792; after 5 p.m. 510-433-7342.

### Help Wanted

#### HANDYMAN

Handyman for Property Management Company. On-call, must have own tools and transportation. Knowledge in plumbing, electrical and carpentry. Hourly rate to \$28 DOE. Must have references, experience. 482-8100

### Help Wanted

#### HANDYPERSON

Handyperson part-time for apartment houses. \$8-\$12/hour. Grand Lake. Experience, tools, car. Art 465-5031.

### Help Wanted

#### HOUSECLEANERS

Housecleaners needed to work for cleaning service. Experience is necessary and a car is a must. 510-633-0201.

### Help Wanted

#### INSURANCE

Customer Service Representative, part-time, Montclair agency. Motivated, team oriented, pleasant phone manner to handle customer inquiries. Please send resume to: 5707 Redwood Rd., Box L, Oakland, CA 94619.

### Help Wanted

#### LEGAL

Secretary/bookkeeper, approximately 25 flexible hours. Experience preferred. Salary DOE. Pleasant Embarcadero offices. 535-2555.

### Help Wanted

#### LIFEGUARDS

Part-time pool attendants needed. Day and evening shifts, full and/or part-time positions available at The Montclair Swim Club. Call Jason or Brian at 339-2500.

### Help Wanted

#### MANAGER

Manager for bakery company. Excellent communication and customer service skills required. Management experience, flexible schedule, knowledge of baked goods are a plus. Benefits available. Montclair Baking, 2220 Mountain Blvd., Suite 140, Oakland 94611 or fax to 530-8052 or fax 530-5771.

### Help Wanted

#### MARKETING ASSISTANT- PART-TIME

Adon Computer Group, a fast growing Oakland based software company, seeks a highly motivated and energetic individual to assist our sales department by contacting prospective customers for monthly seminars. This part-time position requires morning work hours. Hourly pay plus bonus, to apply contact Linda Alden at 510-839-3535; or send your resume via fax to 510-839-2884 or E-mail: aldend@adon.com. Adon is an EOE.

### Help Wanted

#### MEDICAL

Assistant for busy OB/GYN office in Berkeley/Oakland. Experience absolutely necessary. Fax resume: 254-0667.

### Help Wanted

#### MEDICAL

Assistant, plastic surgeon, full-time/part-time. Billing, scheduling, transcription, phones. Flexible. Fax resume: 510-763-0907.

### Help Wanted

#### OFFICE ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

For Berkeley computer retailer. Accounting background, computer experience, good telephone manner. Fax resume: 510-840-8285

### Help Wanted

#### OFFICE ASSISTANT

Office assistant to provide general office support, part-time 15-30 hours/week. Duties include: reception, word processing, filing, copy/paste. Provide courier and document delivery services. Position requires an individual who is bright, curious, aggressive, and computer literate with the ability to manage a talented staff. Industry knowledge, retail background a plus. Competitive salary/benefits program. Resume/salary history to: Human Resources, 1327 Park Ave., Emeryville, 94608 or fax 510-428-0587.

### Help Wanted

#### PRODUCTION MANAGER

Great opportunity with small giftware manufacturer. Requires strong interpersonal skills, and plenty of smarts. Will train good candidate. 835-3242

### Help Wanted

#### SECURITY OFFICER

Security Officer, Experienced, good with people, nights, walking/driving. \$8 hour start. Salena Marina, Alameda, 523-5526.

### Help Wanted

#### SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK

High tech manufacturer/distributor needs team player with high energy plus and some experience in domestic/international shipping. UPS, FEDEX, FRT, Fedex and RMA's. Fax: 510-237-7042.

### Help Wanted

#### STOCKER

Full-time, friendly store, benefits. Apply in person: El Centro Natural Grocery, 10367 San Pablo, El Centro.

### Help Wanted

#### SUBSTITUTE

on call employee needed immediately, before/after school child care centers. Teacher assistant \$8.30/hour, Teachers \$8/hour. Tuesday and Thursdays immediate need. Call Pam 510-521-1743, Girl's Inc. of the Island City.

### Help Wanted

#### TEACHER, NEEDLEWORK

Thursday, 3:30-4:30. Instruct ages 6-10 sewing, cross-stitch, needlepoint etc. \$13/14/15 DOE. Start January 26, 1998. Contact Penny Robb, Piedmont Recreation Department, 510-420-3075. EOE, EOE, AA, ADA.

### Help Wanted

#### TEACHER, OAKLAND DAYCARE

Part-time. Oakland daycare. Part-time. Experience in art, music, stories. 451-4525 message; 839-6449 after 6 p.m.

### Help Wanted

#### TEACHER, PRESCHOOL

Part-time 8:30-1:30. Organize, plan and teach a small class for 3-5 year olds. Experience required. Contact Penny Robb, Piedmont Recreation Department, 510-420-3075. EOE, EOE, AA, ADA.

### Help Wanted

#### TECHNICIAN

experienced for high volume quality animal clinic. Good hours and benefits. Bring resume and fill out job application at: 2700 9th Street, Berkeley.

### Help Wanted

#### TELEMARKETER

Converser to assist sales department for monthly seminars. This part-time position requires morning work hours. Hourly pay plus bonus, to apply contact Linda Alden at 510-839-3535; or send your resume via fax to 510-839-2884 or E-mail: aldend@adon.com. Adon is an EOE.

### Help Wanted

#### UNIQUELO

Two full time, 1400 Park Street in Alameda has two full time positions for experienced Corporate Sales Agents with international skills. We are a leading UNIQUELO office with a fine professional team. The office is spacious, comfortable and professional. Resume and references required at time of interview. (510) 523-9890 and ask for Bev. Pay commensurate with experience. Start 1998 in the perfect location.

### Help Wanted

#### WAREHOUSE/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Entry level with chance to learn and advance. DMV print out required. Send work and salary history to: TiteShop, 1005 Harrison Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

### Help Wanted

#### WORDPROCESSING/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Position. Must be accurate and dependable. Send resume to: HC, 8001 Capwell Drive, Oakland, CA 94617.

### Help Wanted

#### 402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

### Help Wanted

#### HOME BASED BUSINESS

Home based business earn supplemental income. High reward potential. No investment. Start-up help provided. 510-843-0951

### Help Wanted

#### SALES

If you are reading this ad, you are unhappy. You are either out of work or you just have a "job". Do you want a career? Do you want to earn \$50K+ per year? Do you want a benefit package second to none? I am going to hire 5 people this week to service families in the Bay Area with cemetery pre-arrangements. The people I am looking for must be honest, sincere, self-motivated and willing to treat every person they talk to the same way they would want to be treated. I work strictly above the board, and I expect the same work from the people that work for me. If you have these qualifications, I would very much enjoy talking to you and explain the benefits our company has to offer. We have locations in Oakland, Napa and Sacramento.

### Help Wanted

#### CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES

4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. Call Mr. O'Leary 510-654-1288 or 510-654-0123 (Leave name, number and best time to be reached.)

### Childcare Wanted

#### LOVING CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Evening/weekends. Your home/ mine. Excellent references, experience. 483-5018.

### Childcare Wanted

#### LIKE HOME CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Children 2 months- up. Part-time, full-time. Experienced. License #0100511-089. 510-531-4453.

### Childcare Wanted

#### EXCELLENT NANNY BOYS/ TOP PAY!

Full-time/Part-time. Live-in/ Live-out. Great salaries/ References. Fee free. TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES & MOTHERS IN DEED (415)461-7755.

### Childcare Wanted

#### DRIVER AND CHILDREN NEEDED

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Berkeley. 433-2930

### Childcare Wanted

#### AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY HELPER

9 year boy, 4 year girl in Albany. 3-5 days (flexible), occasional weekends. Reliable car, English proficiency and child care experience required. 527-1126.

### Childcare Wanted

#### CHILD CARE CROCKER HIGHLANDS

Two fun boys, ages 3/5. Monday-Thursday. Must have car, reliable, non-smoking, good driver. Must like trucks, trains animals, reading. Start 1/12/98. 510-465-1408.

### Childcare Wanted

#### LONG-TERM, RELIABLE, ENTHUSIASTIC LIVE-IN WANTED

wonderful 7 year old/ family. Cooking, errands, childcare housework 20 hours/week. CDL, references, car, English proficiency required. 845-0990.

### Childcare Wanted

#### CHILD CARE - OAKLAND, TUESDAY/THURSDAY

3:30-6:45. Pick-up 4 1/2 boy, 9 year girl from near school to my home. CDL, insurance, references. English speaking. 530-4557.

### Childcare Wanted

#### 410 Shared Childcare

SHARE caring nanny with 21 month old boy starting ASAP. Full-time/part-time. Oakland Hills. 653-4339.

### Childcare Wanted

#### 411 Childcare - Licensed

SPACIOUS indoor/outdoor, nature walks, reading crafts. Ages 0-5. Large Experienced staff. Mother Nature. Oakland Hills. License #013411987. 531-6137.

### Childcare Wanted

#### CHILD CARE IN SKI AREA

6 months and older, outdoor activities. Structured Montessori work. #01026765-530-6830.

### Childcare Wanted

#### 412 Babysitting Offered

Caring, mature, experienced nanny seeks full-time position. Excellent references, non-smoker. Kae 839-9635 days.

### Childcare Wanted

#### EXPERIENCED RELIABLE, LOVING, NANNY SEES FULL-TIME POSITION

Own car, excellent references, non-smoker. Kae 839-9635 days.

### Childcare Wanted

#### 413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Help Wanted (#401) and Caregiver/Domestic Help Wanted (#408).

### Childcare Wanted

#### ABLE CARE INC.

24 hour in-home care companions. Cooking, housekeeping, bathing, meals, experienced. Full-time, part-time, hourly, bonded, insured. 685-4704 or 1-800-580-2253.

### Childcare Wanted

#### FINANCIAL

### Childcare Wanted

#### 502 Business Opportunities & Services

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

### Financial Services

#### HELP PAYING bills, tracking insurance, preparing tax papers, managing finances

Share Bill Ph.D. 523-7709. Reasonable.

### Financial Services

#### FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

### Financial Services

#### 601 Antiques & Art

DINING set, Vintage pedestal Bamboo Table and 6 chairs, immaculate \$800. Please call: 510-530-1645.

### Financial Services

#### 602 Appliances

APPLE Appliance: Buy, sell, repair and recondition. Vintage gas stoves from 1900s-1960s. Licensed. 510-841-8711.

### Financial Services

#### 604 Garage & Estate Sales

The Berkeley Voice or The El Cerrito Journal Garage Sale regular deadline is Monday at 11 a.m. For more information call 339-8777.

### Financial Services

#### ALAMEDA- 1619 Moreland Drive

Handmade Crafts Boutique. Southwestern Motif. Turquoise Jewelry- Indian Pottery- more. 510-523-9739.

### Financial Services

#### HUGE CHRISTMAS BLOWOUT SALE

BERKELEY- 1724 San Pablo Ave. December 10-19th. Little Tikes, artificial christmas trees, cosmetics, small electronics, watches, fragrances, stocking stuffers and a whole lot more!

### Financial Services

#### CHRISTMAS POWWOW AND NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

No Admission. Everyone Welcome. Carl Munk School, 11900 Campus Drive, Oakland. Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Can Drive.

### Financial Services

#### KENSINGTON ESTATE SALE

18th Century, (at Cottage Circle), Saturday-Sunday, 10-4. Antique furniture/ smoking pipes, dishes, crystal, sterling, books/ bookcases, linens, tools, much more!

### Financial Services

#### MOVING SALE

Call For Appointment- 428-0703. Living/ dining/ kitchen sets, small appliances, crystal, and more.

### Financial Services

#### OAKLAND- 4500 Lincoln Ave. Central Park

Central Park, community yard sale. Saturday, December 20th. Open to public 9 a.m.; open to sellers 8 a.m. space \$10 (first come/ first served).

### Financial Services

#### PIEDMONT ESTATE SALE

10 Blair Place (Corner Calvert Ct.) Moving! Antiques, crystal, collectibles, furniture, dinnerware, books, games. Saturday 12/20 8am-2pm

### Financial Services

#### ESTATE SALE

SAN JOSE- 178 Benana B&B Oriental King size bedroom set, Southwest collectibles, 1950's Cowboy bedroom, Scholarly books, Goldwing & Silverwing motorcycles. 1996 Nissan Maxima 16K miles, RH Anderson.

### Financial Services

#### 605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

### Financial Services

#### EXQUISITE, gleaming queen contemporary

brass bed- originally \$3500, sell for \$750! Firm King bed/ frame. \$650. Gorgeous reversible English floral designed custom King Duvet, European shams, pillow covers, round table cover ensemble. \$800 all \$10-54-4895.

### Financial Services

#### FRENCH Provincial Dining Room

Table, 6 chairs, large buffet, server. \$950. 547-5967.

### Financial Services

#### LEAVING THE COUNTRY

Must Sell! Cherrywood dining set with 6 chairs, china cabinet/ buffet. 510-594-4306.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### COMPLETE Solarflex Equipment

\$450. Call evenings 530-3445.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### HUMMEL Figurines

4 1/2- 5 1/2", \$85 each. For sale by non-profit organization. 645-1820.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### MOVING BOXES

Over 100 cartons: dish packs, 4.5", 3", box books, mirror packs and paper. \$100. 531-6105.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### "CARTIER" Money Clip, Tri-gold stainless

New in box. Originally \$600 Asking \$350 OBO. 923-1000

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### HUMMEL Figurine collection

over 50 to choose from, 1967-1982. Call 510-636-8848.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### CANON NP 1520 copier

\$295. 444-5645.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### FREE delivery, Corde \$130- Oak, Acacia, Cedar, Pine, Walnut, Chestnut. While it lasts.

510-632-0453.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### 607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer Ives- Long 1278

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### TEACHER seeks long TV versions of Shaka Zulu

and Shogun to rent or buy. 652-5207.

### Miscellaneous For Sale

#### 608 Musical Instruments

BALDWIN Grand Piano, 5 1/2", \$3,000/ best offer. Piedmont 836-3493.



## 704 Housing Wanted

PERFECT TENANT: Professional, female, quiet. Looking for 1 bedroom, woodsy area, willing to garden/errands for reduced rent. 510-339-3554.

PROFESSIONAL mature couple seeks apartment. Claremont/Berkeley Hill/Rockridge. Top references. Leave message: 802-1416.

## 706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$3000 LAFAYETTE HOME  
LARGE 4 bedroom, 11 rooms, 3 car garage, living, dining, family rooms, library, fireplace, laundry, decks. February-September (flexible). 510-636-1680.

## 707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

MENDOCINO  
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SOUTH Lake Tahoe, large, luxurious home. Sleeps 8, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Casinos, skiing. 510-272-0392.

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Rooms, private home in Truckee. \$25 per person double occupancy. 510-465-6965; 116-587-7040.

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### 709 Alameda

### 710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Alameda

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210-up. Monthly \$750-up. 523-6633.

### 711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$600 BEAUTIFUL, quiet 5-pk. closets galore, washer/garage paid, near bus, non-smoking, no pets. 522-9061.

### 712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$1000 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, walk-in closet, fireplace, large private patio. Beautifully furnished. Near bus, washer/garage paid, non-smoking, no pets. 510-523-9061.

### 714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821.

### 715 Berkeley

### 716 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Berkeley

\$650 NORTH Berkeley duplex. Full kitchen, patio, cat okay. Josephine/Cedar. #25992-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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\$795 BEAUTIFUL 2 bedroom, newer building, A/EK, garage, near transportation, shopping. Available now. 527-2660

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### 724 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$425 SUNNY studio, near Lake Merritt, transportation, shops. Partial utilities included. Laundry. 893-0694.

\$450-\$600. Studio Apartments for rent. Water & Garage paid. Laundry available. Call to see 5160 Claremont (Near Rockridge) 510-652-7278.

\$450 LARGE, sunny, renovated, charming building, near Lake and Chitwood. 763-4494

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\$500 BAYVIEW clean, sunny, quiet, secure Lake Merritt. Near Grand. Big kitchen, fireplace, tiled bathroom with window. Laundry, cable. Walk to BART. Sensitive management. Call Kaylene 258-9449.

\$525 LARGE Studio in quiet duplex, near Highland Hospital. Huge backyard, pets ok. Parking. 763-1333

\$565 TRESTLE Glen, garden studio. Includes utilities. Oak Bay Properties. 287-9575.

\$695 Piedmont border, 3645 Harrison. Top floor, view, deck, walk-in closet, 500 square feet, enclosed gated parking available. Responsive on-site management. Piedmont/Rockridge shopping. 428-4962.

\$710 MONTCLAIR Village. Studio, no pets. Taking applications: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 530-9576.

\$750 NORTH Oakland Studio plus near Rockridge. BART. 439 49TH. Hardwoods, spacious, cat negotiable. 653-7340.

\$750 ROCKRIDGE, near College/Claremont. Hardwood floors, separate dining room, laundry. Near BART. 547-6218.

### 725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$500 MONTCLAIR, Snake Road. Furnished bedroom in private home. Bath, Sunporch. Parking. Secure View. (510) 339-1019.

\$515 COZY 1920's building near Lake, BART. Dishwasher, parking. Available mid-December. Call for appointment 639-9878.

\$540 KAISER Hospital neighborhood. 1 bedroom, deck, Oakland view, near BART, College Ave, Piedmont Ave. Clean, sunny, closets, convenient. 654-4965.

### 725 CHINA HILL

488 Stow. Cozy 1 bedroom. Quiet 7-pk on China Hill. Gas heat and stove, walk-in. Cat okay. Call 531-6969.

### 1920'S CHARM BY LAKE

214 Grand Ave. Large studio with walk-in. Hardwoods, fresh paint, good natural light, with utilities. Must See! Call 832-8517.

## 725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$595 407 Vernon, near Lake, clean, sunny, quiet, carpets, no pets, laundry, lease. 521-9739.

\$595 IVY Hill, spacious, refurbished, sunny, secure, close to transportation. 2422 8th Ave. 272-9255

\$595 SEPARATE 1 bedroom in-law. Laurel, above MacArthur. Yard, laundry, kitchen. Myla 638-7447.

\$620 CHINA Hill, secure building, large closets, hardwood floors, dining area, laundry. Utilities and parking included. 653-5830.

### \*CONVENIENT\*

Adams Point area, 81 Vernon. POOL, laundry, carpet, garage. Near shopping/transportation. Kaiser Center/Lakeside Park. 444-0268.

\$640 COZY 3rd floor 1 bedroom, spaciou. Available immediately. Walk to wall carpet. Gas and electric. Large closets, lots of cabinet space, parking additional. Laundry, elevator and sun deck. 232 29th Street. 419-0374.

\$650 BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom apartment, lot of greenery to look at. Washer/dryer, fireplace, small patio. Great location. Call: 383-9370

\$650 GLENVIEW, clean, sunny, upper, view, hardwoods, 3614 Brighton. Non-smoking. No pets. For appointment. 510-787-3008.

\$650 ONE bedroom like new. No pets. Quiet unit. 3891 Shafter Street. Chuck, Agent 510-763-9901.

\$675 SMALL modern 1 Bedroom, laundry, off street parking, near Lake Merritt. Voice Mail. 510-641-3965 or 415-824-9399.

### ADAM'S POINT

264 Lee Street. 1 bedroom. Quiet, quality, good light, elevator, laundry, parking available. Must see! Call 763-0749.

\$695 SUNNY Spacious 1 bedroom, upper, quiet 6-pk. Private entrance. Appliances, carpeting, mini-blinds, laundry, storage. Non-smoking. Permanent. 3234 Maple. 534-1341.

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Duplex, wooded setting, hardwood floors, deck, security alarm, including utilities. 452-3050

### LUXURY LIVING

Spacious 1 bedroom. Quiet and quality, modern convenience, deck, walk-in, A/EK. Best Adams Point location. Parking available. Must See! Call 465-3046.

\$725 664 Vernon, near Rose Garden 1 bedroom, 1 bath, balcony, garage, laundry, cat negotiable. Agent 523-1166.

\$725 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, fireplace, laundry, 1 bath, balcony, parking. Close to park, 3650 Diamond. 510-420-4963.

\$750 LARGE 1 bedroom, carpets, drapes, balcony, elevator, parking. Close to Lake, transportation, shopping. 834-5377.

\$750 ROCKRIDGE Condo, remodeled 1 bedroom, security, underground parking, pool, jacuzzi, sauna gym. Near shopping, BART. First security. Available January 15th. 510-432-8211.

\$750 ROCKRIDGE, utilities paid. Hardwoods, laundry, near BART. College/Lawton. #83996-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$775 PIEDMONT Ave. 1 bedroom. Laundry, off-street parking. Great convenient location. No pets. Non-smoking. 763-9155.

### ADAMS POINT GEM

180 Montclair. Spacious 1 bedroom with charm. Hardwoods, view, near Lake. Parking available. Must see! Call 836-1977.

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Attractive 1 bedroom condo on a lovely tree-lined street. Modern kitchen, balcony, heated pool, secure parking. 658-3737.

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Hardwoods, top floor, sunny, kitchen, tile bath. Non-smoking! pets. 835-9626 or 531-6018.

\$825 LARGE sunny, with partial bay view in older 4-pk. Separate living/dining rooms, hardwood floors. Near Piedmont Ave. Call: 656-7340.

\$950 MUST SEE, just remodeled, new appliances, all utilities, hardwood floors, lake view, beautiful building. 510-634-0672.

\$1025 ELMWOOD/Rockridge 1920's building. Very large, sunny, 4 rooms, hardwood floors, parking. 549-3940.

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\$710 GRAND Lake area, upper floor with deck, new carpet, fresh paint. Laundry, parking. 888-9245

\$725 UPPER, large, bright in small, quiet complex. Laundry, off-street parking. Near transportation. 568-9465.

\$800 ROCKRIDGE, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in quiet 4-pk. Hardwood floors, eat-kitchen, covered parking, storage, laundry. Washer/garage paid. Near shops. Call Marjett 547-8615.

\$825 COZY 2 bedroom, lower unit. Washer/Dryer. Lot of storage. No Pets. 594-1535

\$850 PIEDMONT border, spaciou, quiet, bright, large deck, parking, laundry, convenient transportation. Well managed. 428-1242

\$850 QUIET, sunny, upper flat in duplex. Carpeting, off street parking. 1 year lease. 834-6315.

\$850 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, top floor, view, older building, near Lake Merritt, gas stove, new paint. 510-834-5520.

\$850 TWO bedroom, remodeled, garage. Security deposit \$700. High Street above MacArthur. 209-575-4701.

\$875 TWO bedroom, parking, laundry facilities, near Piedmont, 612 Mariposa Ave., 655-5845; after 7pm 653-6019.

\$950 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, Vermont/Mendana. Newly painted, wall-to-wall carpet, parking. Agent 523-1115.

\$975 NEAR Lake, large 2 bath. Fireplace, balcony, formal dining, dishwasher, laundry, parking. Lease 530-3846.

\$1000 TWO bedroom, 1+ bath, 2 blocks above Piedmont Ave. Large balcony, excellent condition, no pets. Open Thursday 10-12. 155 Monte Cresta.

\$1025 SMALL, Secure Condo Unit on Park Blvd. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, all electric appliances included. Fireplace, private laundry facilities with washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings. Indoor parking. Available January 15. Call 510-569-2365.

\$1050 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, A/EK, carpeting, washer/garage paid, near Piedmont Ave., shopping, transportation. 521-6552.

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